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## Alberta debt free ... almost

COSANNA PRESTON

The province will not be able to empa thize with students scrimping and saving for their student loans this year, as Ralph Klein recently announced

Alberta is going debt free The 12 July announcement was fol-lowed by the "It's Your Future" survey, a mail-out asking every Alberta house hold how the government should spend upcoming surpluses, as this year's funds have been earmarked to pay off the remainder of loans coming due over the next ten years or so

Still, with 1.4 million surveys distributed to Alberta households, the Alberta government is keen for input from its citizens. There is a stipulation for spending the surplus, however Alberta must not run a deficit. This announcement has provoked applause and condemnation from a legion of



PLEASESEE DEBT + PACE 2 CUTENESS IS MY MOTOR Nine-year-old Samantha McKinlay revs up for this Saturday's soapbox derby. See page 17 for today's old-timey racing feature.

## Green change requires a new attitude: Suzuki

Q & A with David Suzuki—Part of a semi-regular Gateway series focusing on the works and accomplishments of great Canadians

CAITLIN CRAWSHAW

Long-time environmentalist famed geneticist and former U of A instructor David Suzuki was on campus 1 September, promoting his 25th year as host of the 44-year-old CBC science show The Nature of Things. The Gateway spoke with the broadcaster about his experiences teaching at the U of A and his goals as a science edu-

Gateway: What do you think are some of the most important environmental issues facing Alberta right now?

David Suzuki: Ah, this is what I'm always asked. People say: 'Is it climate change? Is it species extinction in the boreal forest? Is it toxic pollution?' Of course, they're all important issues. Which one will ultimately be the big one, who knows? But I would say the biggest challenge we face is what's in each of our skulls. Our beliefs and values that shape the way that we see the world and that shape our actions. If you look out at the world and you say, 'Look at all of the resources!' then you're going to want to use them, exploit them. If you look out at the world and say 'You know those trees and animals? They're related to us—they're our you're going to treat it very differently. Right now we're driven by a mindset that says the most important thing that gives me a living is the economy. And that's what I'd say is the biggest challenge-that we have a value system that sees things in a screwed up way. It is our surroundings that make our lives possible!

GW: What do you feel we could do better, environmentally speaking, as citizens of Edmonton?

DS: I think that the most important thing we can do now is to rethink how we're connected to the rest of the world. For most of human history people have understood that we're deeply embedded in nature and we're dependent on it. If you listen to indigenous people and listen to their stories and prayers, it's all about who we are and where we belong or this earth. But today we think that

everything and we can manage the planet. We no longer see that what we do is in anyway related to the quality of the air, the water and the soil. So I think there has to be a shift in where ve think we belong, where our real home is

GW: Do you have any fond memories of teaching here?

DS: I have many fond memories of my first class. When I got here I was a low man on the totem pole and I had to teach a bunch of aggies. I said, 'Oh god, I'm a hotshot geneticist, I don't want to deal with those aggies!' They were the greatest class I ever had. Fifteen boys, one girl. They worked their heads off, and we played their heads off. It was

PLEASE SEE SUZUICE + PACE :



we're the masters and we can control IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN David Suzuki calls out for student involvement in environmental issues.



27 Zow! Yow! WOW! I stands for Week of come, kittens. And Week of come stands for a weekend's worth of campus concerts. It also means plenty of hep Gateway coverage. Gateway
A&E chats with three of the
WOW artists—Buck 65, Sloan,
and Mark Birtle Project—in today's issue. WOW worthy? Yes.

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In early September, reductions in government funding resulted in backlogged removations. Donald Bellow, associate vice-president of facilities, explained that the Usel Arequired Sporialino to satisfy its construction needs. Lacking these funds, the University embarked on a scheme to make temporary repairs to make structures acceptable for students and staff or campaine. At the start of the academic year, University ithernics held 35 million bloods in space designed to hold between 23 and 27 million volumes. The arthritistic more public with the University of the Control of the C possibly seek more funding from the private sector to complete the needed upgrades and construction projects.



34 There's another big, fat 34 page of colour comics today, and almost everyone is in on the act. Check out our Toronto correspondent Mike Winters' night out in the T-dot, what happens when the Blackout kids quit their summer jobs, and witness the return of Cigarro and Cerveja's Tony Esteves with his brand new cartoon, Primatology. Go

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## Debt free annoucement receives varying reactions

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have to pay for money they borrowed at an earlier time and spent at an earlier time. So it is in the interest of any government, just as you and your Visa, to pay it off. There is absolutely no downside to having a debt-free treasury," said Barry Cooper, a political science professor at the University of Calgary and a director with the Fraser Institute, a right-wing economic, social and educational think tank.

"The annoucement was largely a PR ploy. We're not debt free. What's been done is there is a chunk of money that's been set aside to make those debt payments...."

> RICARDO ACUÑA PARKLAND INSTITUTE

However, other responses aren't as enthusiastic. Ricardo Acuña, executive director of the Parkland Institute noted the announcement was misleading.

"The announcement was large PR ploy. We're not debt free. What's been done is there is a chunk of those debt payments, which in a way is really kind of silly to take all that out of one fiscal year and put it aside to make payments for the next ten years," said Acuña.

While there are some sceptics, Alex Abboud, the chair of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) hopes to use the announcement to CAUS' advantage. Abboud recognizes the opportunity to bring postsecondary education to the forefront of dis-

CAUS has formed a coalition with the Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC), the Alberta Graduate Council (AGC), the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) and the Alberta College Institute Faculty Association (ACIFA) in an effort to promote postsecondary to the public

"We will be focusing largely on television and radio advertising to get the message out and to communicate the need for a reinvestment in education," said Abboud.

"Investment is the crucial way to look at it, because it's not so much spending money on education but vesting it, because the return of an educated population far outweighs whatever sum of money is put into the education system.

It is these kind of initiatives that the government is interested in Gerry for the ministry of finance, explained that the survey and Albertans' input is crucial to the decision on how

spend any upcoming surpluses. Along with Abboud's drive for post secondary education funding, other suggestions have been raised. Cooper suggested cutting each Albertan a cheque because a surplus indicates taxes are too high, while Acuña mentioned a surplus may indicate improper spending and so the money should be reinvested into social programs.

money belongs to Albertans and so it is up to the people to dictate how it

"It frees up all kinds of possibilities. It opens the door to a whole pile of things that we were not able to do before. ... I think the job of the finance minister is to be able to balance those requests with the priorities of the province and what is going to be realistic in the long term. That's why we've come out with the survey to ask people what they're priorities are.



The government is paying off its debt and underfunding students: Abboud

## The environment needs more political attention: Suzuki

GW: How well are science journal ists educating the Canadian public?

DS: Well, the problem is there aren't many. There should be many more of them. How many full-time science reporters are there in the media? I can count them on one hand. How many science journalists are there in television or radio? There just aren't. And when you ask how many environmental reporters there are, there are even fewer. Most people are educated in business or law or in the arts; there are very few people from sciences who get into

GW: At this point, what are your goals for The Nature of Things?

DS: Well, I would hope The Nature of Things goes on for another 44 years. We've been on air for 44 yearswe're the longest running of any show in Canada. And when I thinl

has done; The Nature of Things was there when Canada launched its first space satellite; The Nature of Things was there when the birth control pill was invented; I did a show with Barbara Frum when the first test-tube haby was born; The Nature of Things was there when the first computer came online

"I think we could use a lot more activism on the part of students. Students need to play a more critical role-it's your future that's involved."

We were there trying to say to Canadians, "Look, this is important, and you'd better take it seriously, se there are repercussions. So

really, I'd like to think that The Nature of Things has played an important part for Canadians to know how to handle the issues that were coming online. We've played a very important role-I hope we keep doing that for years and years in the future

GW: What do you think students should be doing, in terms of reacting to environmental issues?

DS: Students can do a lot. I mean, I think the whole involvement of students in the globalization debate is a very, very important part of what I consider an environmental issue. ... A lot of students have been involved in the push towards recycling and different kinds of economic systems. I think we could use a lot more activ ism on the part of students. Students need to play a more critical role-it's your future that's involved

GW: Do you think environmental issues are inherently political?

not be? We are the environment. Anything that happens to the environment happens directly to us. Of course it's got to be political. It's not political enough-political in the sense that politicians are taking it seriously. Now, we've got in this province a party called the Green Party that actually got a huge percentage of the vote. [In Canada] we've got the New Democratic Party headed by a guy who has a track record—Jack [Layton] is as green as any politician I've seen And Paul Martin sat on the all-party standing committee on the environ-ment for years. We're at a moment ve've got a minority party and Paul has got to take the environment seriously because he's got Jack and the Bloc Québecois breathing down his neck. The Greens are coming up, they're looming as a significant factor in the next election, and we've got a wonderful opportunity to really make green issues a part of the political



## STREETERS

Compiled and photographed by Mary Hulbert and Robin Collum

The Alberta government released the "It's Your furture" survey this fall, asking Albertans how to spend upcoming surpluses

How should the government spend the extra money?



They should put a little bit into taking down our tuition, or at least stopping it from increasing. I also think the general poverty in Edmonton is much higher than it needs to be in a province like



Dunca McConachie Education IV

paid and they do a damn good job. Well, most of them. I'm talking about the majority



Robbie Franklin

Definitely put it back into education ... oh and nursing [Wink, wink; nudge, nudge.]



Erin Schnick Ag/For III

Put it towards education and put some more into healthcare too. Farmers need money for BSE research. We're so strapped for cash; the federal government is doing programs, but it doesn't really amount to a lot, It's definitely better than nothing, though.

## New international residence sets national standard

COSANNA PRESTON

There's a new residence at the University of Alberta gaining international recognition.

Open to both national and interna tional students, the new International House (IHouse) is the first international residence in the province and the first one of its kind in Canada.

After choosing its name, the nev residence was quickly recognized by International Houses World Wide (IHWW), an organization ing IHouses meeting specific criteria around the world. IHWW invited the U of A IHouse coordinators to one of its conferences and an invitation to join the organization as its first member in Canada soon followed

"As students travel or go to school in other countries, they are aware of this IHouse and that they can actually live here. Throughout the world I think it is going to be good for us.

> DARLENE LIPINSKI, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER,

RESIDENCE SERVICES

Darlene Lipinski, the senior hous ing manager at Residence Services, said linking the residence to IHWW will help promote the U of A, Edmonton

"As students travel or go to school in other countries, they are aware of this IHouse and that they can actu ally live here. Throughout the world I think it is going to be good for us," said Lipinski "It gives us a bit of an edge, actually,

in the global competition for international students," added Jennifer Gzebb, the communications coordinator with Residence Services

This edge is highlighted as no other university in the province currently has plans for an international residence, at least not in the near future

"We do have allotted spots for international students, but there is not a separate facility because the demand is not there," said Marg Nordin, a senior official in Housing Services at the University of Lethbridge.

However, IHouse's niche market doesn't extend beyond provincial borders. While it is the first in Canada to join with IHWW, it's not the first international residence. Many schools such as the University of Guelph, University of British Columbia and Ryerson University all have residences signated for international students.

The difference that lies between those residences and the U of A's IHouse is the criteria. The University of Guelph, for example, maintains interest in living in their residence as their primary criteria, and is unconcerned with its Canadian to international student ratio. So, in a given year, the population of its much smaller international residence could be solely Canadian or solely international

On the other hand, the U of A's first concern is with the ratio of international to national students, and it has set its target at a 60 to 40 per cent ratio. After that, they focus heavily on global education and the forming of a globally

aware and diverse community. "Everyone is going to be re-learning and re-defining the way that they see the world. It's not like international students come here to learn how to be Canadians," explained Leslie Weigl, the global education programming coordinator for the residence.

"It will be a challenge to reach some of the Canadians and trigger them into re-defining their experience, but we will create some norms in culture around what it means to be a global

Unfortunately, IHouse, though full, has been unable to meet its target ratio for its first year. Initially troubled by only receiving international student applications, the tides turned and Canadian students now dominate the house. While admitting the residence comprises 75 per cent Canadian and 25 per cent international students, the involved staff reserves disappointment

"Over time [the ratio] will eventually get to where we want it to get to. Right now it's not, but it was totally expected," says Lipinski.



IT'S ONE OF A KIND The first International House in Canada opens at U of A.

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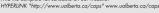
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Nominations are due on September 14 at 6:00pm.



## Augustana merger causing unexpected frustration

CAITLIN CRAWSHAW

Augustana became a faculty of the University of Alberta this summer after much negotiation—but the merger hasn't been seamless.

For students and staff at Augustana, the process of merging the two institutions has presented some challenges.

According to Augustana Dean Dr Roger Epp, the biggest issues preceded the signing of the merger agreement on 29 June. Unexpected legal concerns of Augustana's Board of Regents and the U of 6x Board of Governors made it "theoretically possible" that the merger would fall through, said Epp.

"One of the hardest pieces of the whole package was simply putting on paper in legal language the kinds of principles that people had agreed to. So, when you do that, and legal language is pretty well defined and you want to get it right, there was a little back and forth and things we needed to work out." he said.

U of A Dean of Students Dr Bill Connor had a similar view of the premerger situation.

"There was a spit with the board that dragged it on for quite a while," he remarked. Connor cited union agreements as one of the concerns raised. Since the official fusion of the

institutions on 1 July, the merger has impacted students and staff on the Augustana campus.

"Everything seems to be utter

"Everything seems to be utter chaos," said Steve Hansen, an editor at Augustana's student newspaper, the Dag. "There's no Internet access for anyone on campus."

Lack of e-mail access poses problems for the newspaper's operations, so it's fortunate the Dag isn't publishing yet, Hansen explained. He suspected that the merger is the root of the problem, as Augustana's Technology and Learning Services (TLS) is reconciling its systems with those of Computing and Network Services (CNS).

TLS manager Dale Swanson explained that integrating the systems is a tricky task. "Basically, the two of us had systems that worked independently," he said.

"We had strategies of doing things that were different."

Swanson explained that his departement has struggled to find the time to fuse the systems, but he argued that the campus has not laked Internet access.

"We're a small institution and most offices are understaffed—and that's putting it mildly. Hopefully next year we'll be merged and everything will be going along tickety-boo and we'll have additional staff to help around here."

#### SYLVIA WINDER, FINANCIAL AIDS AND AWARDS

"We've never had an [Internet] outage this summer," he said. However, while Internet has been

available, many new hires at Augustana
—including sessional instructors—
have been lacking Campus Computing
IDs (CCIDs). Without a CNS-issued
CCID a student or employee cannot
access the Internet or campus e-mail,
and TIS has been issuing temporary
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Swanson figured the campus newspaper may also have been affected by the CCID problems.

In addition to campus technology issues, students have not yet received letters indicating whether they've received scholarships. "Personally I haven't, nor has

"Personally I haven't, nor has anyone I know, found out how much scholarship money we're getting." Hansen said.

Because of Augustana's high tuition fees, the institution has traditionally offered many scholarships to students. Financial Aids and Awards officer

Sylvia Winder confirmed that students have not yet received letters in the mail indicating whether they'll

receive scholarships or awards.
Sstudents will receive their letters
when they register this week. Winder
explained that unlike the U of As
Edmonton campus, the Augustan
faculty is lacking in personnel, and
so completing the merger-related and
daily tasks simultaneously has been
difficult. For this reason, the letters
weren't sent out on time.

"We're a small institution and most offices are understaffed—and that's putting it mildly," she said.

"Hopefully next year we'll be merged and everything will be going along tickety-boo and we'll have additional staff to help around here."

Connor said communication is the biggest issue for the U of A after hereger. An extensive training program has been created to allow Augustana saff to access the large U of A bureaucracy, as all new university employees are educated about human resources department and benefits.

As for the CCID difficulties and failure to mail scholarship letters, Connor said that it is too soon to expect full integration between the institutions.

integration between the institutions.

"It'll take a year or so [for integration to happen]," he said.

"The transition will go on, but in the mean time, my hope is ... that we won't attempt to dismantle anything that's working until we're absolutely sure we can replace it with something that sounds better.

"So there's probably some glitches; there always is—I don't know how many they look at, but we look at 27 000 or some incredible number."

Epp said that while he is not familiar with the difficulties surrounding CCIDs, he figures reconciling systems "is a matter of time."

"It is, as we're finding out, an enormous, complicated task to fold one institution into another," he added.

With the completion of the merger, Augustana students living on campus will benefit from upgraded dorms, and faculty and staff will benefit from professional development opportunities.0



GLITCHES ABOUND Dr Bill Connor, U of A Dean of Students, is optimistic despite the hassles of the Augustana merger.

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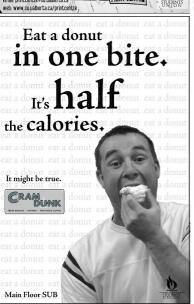
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# Augustana counteracting BSE crisis with bursaries

CAITLIN CRAWSHAW

In response to the financial effects of Mad Cow disease on students, the U of A Augustana faculty is distributing approximately \$36 000 in bursaries to lighten the impact.

The Augustana administration is offering bursaries ranging between \$250 and \$750 to students who can demonstrate their financial well-being has been compromised by Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

Tim Hanson, Augustana's assistant dean (external relations), explained that many of the Camrose faculty's students come from farming families. Last spring, the administration of the former Lutheran college decided to use an emergency endowment to help these students.

"We realized that all of our students were affected by BSE," he said.

"As it turned out, most of the students we interviewed were quite seri-

ously impacted."

Of the 48 who applied in early spring, all will receive some compensation. While there were varying access of severity, a number of students were forced to sell cattle they'd raised themselves to pay their truition, but couldn't make a reasonable return on them due to the lowered price of beef.

Hanson noted that unless the faculty can find more funding, the bursaries will be a one-time deal. He expects that the extra money will at least minimize the amount of loan money students will need to pay their tuition in the fall.

Matthew Hebert, last year's Augustana Students' Union president and current transition coordinator for the U of A SU, said that BSE has not only impacted those with farming roots. "[Cattle] prices have been depressed for most of the year, so there's been a loss of income" he said

"The one thing about students that typically come from farms they're not big on receiving anything that looks like charity."

MATTHEWS HEBERT, U OF A SU TRANSITION COORDINATOR

"And it extends to people who come from towns that depend on farms and on agriculture to make a living. People who sell gas, automobiles and groceries have all been affected. So the spin-offs touch students all down the line.

dents all down the line.
"I think it's a recognition of the problem. I think it covers rent and it covers groceries for a month or two. It doesn't by all means cover everything, but it is a good appreciation." But he added that many of the students might not accept larger sums anyhou at core plarger sums anyhou.

"The one thing about students that typically come from farms—they're not big on receiving anything that looks like charity," explained Hebert. "So I think it's packaged in such a

so I think it's packaged in such a way as to allow students to see that the university cares about them, appreciates the challenge they're going through, and helps them a little bit along the way when it comes to covering costs."



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MAD MONEY Augustana helps its students after the Mad Cow crisis.



## New chancellor eager to make his mark on campus

JARED BACHYNSKI

Newly-elected University of Alberta Chancellor Eric Newell smiles warmly in his comfortable office in Assiniboia Hall as he contemplates the next four years.

The 59-year-old retired business executive has a lot to smile about. Newell is an Officer of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian honour for lifetime achievement, and a six-year veteran of the U of A Board of Directors (the last four as chairperson

As chancellor, Newell is the offi-cial head of the University, chairing the Senate, serving as a member of the Board of Governors, and representing the University at all ceremonial occasions. One of Newell's goals is to reach out to rural students, possibly through the U of A's new Augustana campus.

"Young people's participation in postsecondary education from a rural standpoint is only about 50 per cent. We need to do a better job, and having this rural campus at Augustana is going to be a great vehicle for us to do this

Another goal of Newell's is to attain better integration of Aboriginal students into Alberta's postsecondary system. This might have been influenced by his tenure at Syncrude Canada Ltd, a major Alberta oil company, where he was CEO from 1989 2003. As CEO, Newell arranged funding for Aboriginal education and workplace literacy programs with the help of experts from the University of Alberta.

"Aboriginal education is dear to my heart," Newell says with sincerity

"In BC, where over 80 per cent of all students graduate from high school in the standard three years, less than 60 per cent of Aboriginal students do the same. There is reason why that should be different"

This issue is especially important to the university because of changing demographics, Newell explains. The current birth rate among the

Aboriginal population is three times that of the non-Aboriginal average I can't recall how long precisely, but in a pretty short time about one in five youth in Edmonton will be

His dedication to youth may also stem from his own family, as Newell became grandfather of four girls in the last two and a half years and is the father of three (adult) children, two of whom are University of Alberta graduates. "The third went to Lethbridge," quips Newell.

"So one strayed from the path." Born in Kamloops, BC, Newell moved to Victoria at a young age and eventually earned a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of British Columbia. Later, he went overseas to get a Masters of Science in Management Studies from the University of Birmingham, England

"Ironically, when I graduated, the only decision I made was that I'd never work in the oil and gas industry, and I ended up working there for my whole career. It shows you how the world will change."

Newell's experience working for an engineering firm in England got him a job for Imperial Oil, which brought him back to Canada. From there, he ended up working for Syncrude, which was partly owned by Imperial.

During his tenure at Syncrude, Newell spearheaded a government-industry joint project called the National Oil Sands Task Force. Its mandate was to re-evaluate the way investors, corporations and gover

ment regulators work together to further economic development. In 1995, the task force released a report detailing a plan of action that would triple the output of the oil sands over 25 years at a cost of 21-25 billion

"You can imagine that when v released the report people prob-ably thought we were smoking something funny," Newell laughs. However, just nine years later, production in the oil sands region has already tripled and over \$25 billion has already been spent.

"People often first became affiliated with the University," recalls Newell.

"However, in my 14 years as CEO I can't remember a time when we were not involved in some way. The research partnerships we developed with the U of A gave us a tremendous advantage

As chancellor, Newell intends to expand upon these industry-University research partnerships ie to follo as well as to continu University President Rod Fraser's

"Rod is often talking about making the University indisputably recog-nized as one of the best Canadian universities among a handful the best in the world, in research, teaching, and community service," says Newell. "I think that is an admirable



MAKING A CHANGE Eric Newell begins his term as U of A Chancellor







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## Concordia student acquitted of death threat charges

MONTRÉAL (CUP)-Nidal Alalul had a good summer, but things could have turned out very differently for the Concordia University student

The international commerce student was acquitted in June after being charged with "uttering a death threat" in connection with a March 2003 incident on campus.

"I was so, so happy," said Alalul, who faced possible deportation if convicted

It took only a day and a half for Montréal municipal court judge Antonio Discepola to find Alalul not

Alalul, who is Palestinian, was arrested following an argument with Schlomo Lifshitz, a member of Birthright Israel, who was working an information table at the time

Lifshitz claimed that during the altercation Alalul threatened him saying he wanted to become a suicide

Alalul denied making any threat, stating that Lifshitz had misinterpreted a remark he made that he would "be famous in two years."

The judge sided with Alalul.

The international student and his supporters allege that the charges against him were motivated, at least in part, by racism. They also accuse the university administration of siding with the prosecution and Lifshitz, who is not a Concordia student.

Alalul and his supporters point out one of the prosecution's witnesses, Concordia student councilor Rachel Guy, perjured herself on the stand when she denied she had written Lifshitz's statement for himthing she later admitted doing.

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Dan Hadad, co-president of Hillel's campus group at the time of the incident, bluntly refuted the allegations of

"Concordia University, in every single court appearance, was sending their lawyer to observe, supposedly ... But they were advising the prosecution."

NIDAL ALALUL. CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT

"It's bullshit " Hadad said

"I really don't think it's racially rated at all. I think our univer sity is much more morally responsible than they're giving credit."

Alalul complains the media,

plashed his name in the headlines when he was charged, have almost completely ignored his acquittal.

"I was shocked that there was no

media presence," he said. "If you looked at the [news] sources that covered this story, none of them

mentioned that I was acquitted. Despite his troubles over the pass vear and a half. Alalul isn't bitter. In fact, he points out that, at least in this case, the Canadian justice system worked

"It's better than the States," he said. "That doesn't mean I'm happy about it, but we should give the system some

Alalul said he's considering legal action against both his accuser and the university administration, but for the moment, he just wants to get on with

"Until now, I'm not thinking of anything until I graduate," he said

"After graduation, I'm going to look



AVOIDING DEPORTATION Nidal Alalul was acquitted of uttering threats

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## Manitoba tops list in education report

Central Bureau Chief

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Manitoha came out on top in an annual study released late last month ranking each province's commitment to education based on equity, quality and accessibility.

The report, compiled for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, compares the provinces handling of their education systems. This year, Manitoba moved up from third to first place in the countryedging out Québec, last year's number one, which dropped to second.

Overall, Manitoba placed first, with a top ranking for equity and quality. The province was ranked third in the country for accessibility and fourth for accountability.

According to Diane McGifford, Manitoba's minister of advanced education, the report highlights the significant steps that the province's NDP government has made since assuming wer under Premier Gary Doer.

"[The report] says very positive things about education in this province, and we're really pleased," she said.

"We're obviously extremely pleased to see that we have scored very well on accessibility, as well as on quality." McGifford credited the Doer gov

ernment's commitment to education for the rankings, citing its decision to freeze tuition at 1999/2000 levels.

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DIANE MCGIFFORD. MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

in Manitoba has increased by 27.8 per cent and college enrolment by 30.5

Student politicians, remain skeptical about the future of the tuition freeze

By allowing universities to raise

tuition for international students and certain faculties, the province is casting doubt upon its commitment to education, said Sarah Amyot, Canadian Federation of Students provincial representative and University of Winnipeg Student Union president.

"The report's good news for Manitoba," she said. "The caution that I would approach the report with though is that, although Manitoba ranks number one overall, it ranks third in accessibility. I don't think that the tuition freeze is a true freeze in that tuition is increasing for specific demographics."

Last spring, the University of Manitoba's Board of Governors approved an increase in the fees paid by international undergraduate students starting this month. In July, it voted to double fees for interna tional graduate students beginning in September 2005.

The report warned that Manitoba's place in the ranking would be in jeor ardy should the government lift the

Amanda Aziz, president of the University of Manitoba Students' Union, said though she is happy to see the recognition for education in Manitoba, she is worried about the state of other provinces.

# **OPINION**

# Bush and Churchill couldn't be more different

"WE SHALL DEFEND OUR ISLAND whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on beaches, landing grounds, in fields, in streets and on the hills. We shall never surrender and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle..." — Sir Winston Churchill

"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we." — George W Bush

Early last week, at the beginning of the Republican National Convention, ex-New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had the audacity to compare George W Bush to Britain's great wartime leader and Nobel laureate Sir Winston Churchill.

"Winston Churchill saw the dangers of Hitler when his opponents and much of the press characterized him as a warmongering gadilly." he said. "George W Bush sees world terrorism for the evil it is and he will! remain consistent to the purpose of defeating it while working to make us ever safer at home."

Okay, so I'll agree that Churchill was a pro-war conservative, just like Bush. Both men's social policies were somewhat questionable, and Churchill was far and above the more racist and sexist of the two. But whatever one thinks of his policies, it's hard to imagine that the citizens of Britain could have had a better wartine leader than Churchill. His brilliant oratory inspired confidence and loyalty among his subjects in the datest days of the Butle of Britain, he almost single-handedly fought and won a war for the sake of democracy, and he was one of the earliest supporters of the concept of a European Union.

On top of this, his love of the English language and brilliant documentation of everything from both World Wars to the life of his ancestor, the first Duke of Marlborough, earned him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953. In 1953 he was also knighted for his services to Britain, and in 1963 he was awarded an honourary American citizenship for his leadership during the war.

Churchill was defending Europe against Hitler in a war he had no choice but to fight. He watched London get bombed night after night, but refused to give up. And yes, Bush has experienced attacks on his own soil as well, but there's some fundamental differences here.

Giuliani's main reason for comparing Bush to Churchill was Bush's alleged ability to recognize dangers to the nation and go after them. However, it can be argued that there were actually several warnings leading up to 11 September, all of which were blatantly ignored.

And yes, America is in danger of another terror attack, much like Britain was constantly at risk of attack during World War II. However, Churchill recognized and fought the real danger, while Bush failed to find Osama bin Laden and then went wandering off after another country that had absolutely no relation to 11 September. This is much like if Churchill hadri been able to find Hitter after a few months and decided to invade Argentina, a vaguely pro-Nazi country, instead.

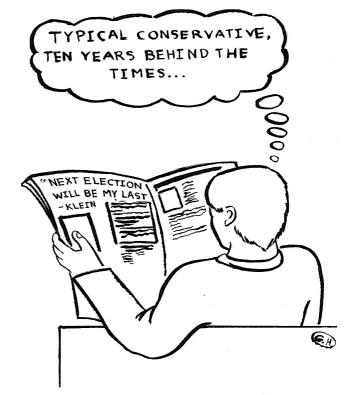
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Churchill has been accused of being a warmonger, but the real warmonger in 1930s Europe was Hitler. He invaded Poland solely to spread German influence over Europe, much like Bush invaded Iraq to (let's face it) increase American influence over the Middle Eastern oil industry.

It's a sacrilege to compare Bush, a bumbling Texan with no respect for international law, to Churchill, a brilliant leader who played a major hand in shaping the way Europe looks today.

The best we can hope for is that Giuliani will be proven right in at least one aspect of his comparison of the two men: hopefully, Bush will be voted out of office after his first term, just like Churchill was.

> KRISTINE OWRAM Managing Editor



## **LETTERS**

#### A clockwork letter from Steve Smith

Caitin Crashaw's 2 September stoy. "Title change for head of native studies" contains the quote "Like business, Native studies is considered a school." This is incorrect. While Business is generally called the "School of Business," this is nothing more than a marketing choice, and under General Faculties Council policy it is a full-fledged faculty (the UG AS fifth largest, in fact).

With that, I would like to welcome the Gateway to its 94th year of publication.

STEVE SMITH

## Dave Berry wrong about Whyte, Dynamite

Oh Dave Berry, I can't help but notice that the lustro of Whyte has seemingly wom off on you ("Old Whyte mare just ain't what she used to be, ain't what she used to be, ain't what she used to be, "a September). Lapsing into a fit of pessimism, your editorial crusade suggests 8z Awe has lost its cultural significance, and is awash

with thugs, stappers, and 'chachis' who are 'running around starting flights and stabbing each other.' On myl If I didn't know better I'd say Edmonton's entertainment core was filled with a rage of bloothristy pretty boys who would put the gang from The Outsiders to shame. Emilio Estevez himself wouldn't last five minutes outside Woolly Bully's without getting bottled by some thug in a Von Duch hat.

Indeed, I share in your opinion that eventually everything fresh or hip becomes quickly and tragically marginalized back to a common denominator. The homogeneity of retail will of course dominate, and I agree flguor prices will rise again, just like the blessed south.

But you have to look on the bright side, matery Didn't you enjoy the Fringe fest? Aren't you pleased the Arts Barns have been revamped and that something was built over the pile of rubble where that catastropke known as Stollis once lay? Of course you are. If you walk down Rue Ste Catherine, you can't help feel the essence that is Montréal. And Granville on a Friday night just drips of West Coast flavour, reminding you that, baby, you're in NanCity. Whyte Ave espouses the same feeling in me for E-town.

And one more thing, you're on the pipe if you think Napoleon Dynamite was weak ("Dynamite's Battle of Waterloo," 2 September). After all, "What is grand is necessarily obscure to weak men. That which can be made explicit to the idiot is not worth my care."

PATRICK SUNDERLAND

## Arts students should appreciate the irony

I must respond to Brian Sobchak's letter to the editor ("Engineers obviously have too much money." 2 September). He lamented on how money was wasted by decorating the new engineering buildings walls with concrete panels that feature embedded engineering formulae. Mr Sobchak stated several times

Mr Sobchak stated several times in his letter that the money would be better spent if it were diverted from engineering to the arts faculty instead.

Irony of ironies: in the summer issue of the U of A Alumni magazine "New Trail," an article describes how these walls were created by two Alberta sculptors who just happened to be graduates of the U of A arts faculty.

If Mr Sobchak had his way, two arts alumni would have lost their commissions and a creative work of art would never have been realized. Mr Sobchak's negative attitude of engineers is not surprising. Too often, the practice of engineering is hidden from public view. Unlike other disciplines, many people do not have a clue about what an engineer actually does from day to day. Large equations on the exterior of a building are an excellent first step for change.

JOHN KOOB

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And, for the love of everything good only put one space after your periods. Seriously, we've been dealing with word processors for a solid zo years at least, and we should probably know by now that you only need to hit the space bar once after periods. This isn't just us, either. You should never do that. Not in essays, not in letters, not text.

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## | Prisoners don't deserve a day at the spa



SARAH HANASYK

If you're like most struggling students, day of pampering and indulgence is less about exfoliating facials and hour-long massages and more about a bar of Irish Spring and nonchalantly leaning up against the dryer at the laundromat. And whereas I once dismissed my junior high birthday gifts of Body Shop bath beads and scented body washes as too typically female and unimaginative, now, as my bank account dwindles, my desire for some guava-kiwi foaming shower rejuvena-

tor rises exponentially.

If ever there was a group more deserving of some periodic stre busting, I think it would be us selfdamaging academics rather than, say, an unrepentant inmate twice convicted of second-degree murder. Apparently, however, the Ontario ion of the Correctional Service of Canada thinks that our inmates' cuticles are getting just a little bit too unsightly

Reports have sparked some controversy in Kitchener this week regard-ing supposed "spa days" for the inmates at the Grand Valley Institute for Women. Minister of Public Safety Anne McLellan is dealing with reac tion from Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino, who asserts that the inmates were treated to luxury days of manicures, pedicures, and high tea. Corrections Canada posits that these days are not meant to be ones

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of leisure, but are instead intended to prepare the women for life upon release. Allegedly, the purpose of these hygiene seminars" is for lessons on skin and nail care, along with information about natural medicines.

Being ever-skeptical of the way our government tends to allocate its budgetary allowances. I wouldn't be surprised at all if these women are sipping daiquiris and watching Pay-Per-View while I give myself a homemade back massage using an old tennis ball and a sturdy wall. I doubt very much that someone homeless and desperate would be remiss to accept two years of a roof over their head and a meal three times a day if all it means is that they have to "accidentally" get caught robbing a 7-11.

I won't argue against rehabilitation when discussing remedies and preventative measures regarding crime, but the element of punishment must remain a factor in the process of "correcting" these individuals. Not disregarding the fact that many criminals-in particular violent ones-possess one or more mental illnesses which must be dealt with in a separate faculty of rehabilitation. we cannot ignore that element of fear that must be present for the public to regard prison as a place of restricted rights rather than one of renewal and

This factor, I'm afraid, is being

criticized too hastily by our so-called progressive, politically-correct, theoffender-is-the-victim nation. Neither am I hesitant to assert that in extreme cases, some criminals deserve the acerbity of capital punishment.

But while Canada may exude permissiveness with its offenders, the United States is generally seen as promoting the opposite. However, while they often opted for the "scaredstraight" approach in the past, they are now taking tips from us nice Canadians and instituting more social rehabilitation programs rather than merely confining these individuals to ineffectual compounds. While I agree that this is a move in the right direction, I also hope that they recognize the benefits of keeping what makes most citizens agree that these places are a disagreeable existence in the first place

Jail is supposed to be scary. Criminals go there because they's broken the law and must be both punished and taught why what they did was wrong in the first place and how to prevent doing it in the future. Maybe money laundering by some rich corporate executive isn't considered as "bad" a crime as murder, but regardless, neither of the convicted deserve to be treated to a day of aromatherapy and seaweed wraps. No matter how big they think their pores might be.

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## Two-tier healthcare is inevitable



BACKSTROM

Alright, I admit it: I don't have a problem with a two-tiered healthcare

It's not that I believe that people who are rich should have better access to healthcare services than those who are not. No, it's simply that, barring the imposition of some form of communism in which there are no longer rich and poor, two-tiered healthcare is unavoidable

Case in point: several months ago the Conservatives accused Paul Martin of hypocrisy for being the self-proclaimed defender of Medicare while simultaneously keeping as his personal physician someone who is part-owner of a private medical clinic in Montréal. The Liberals were quick to deny that this gave the

Prime Minister any advantage in terms of access compared to "ordinary" Canadians, but does anyone actually believe that if his doctor thought he should get an MRI, see a specialist or get some elective surgery done that he would wait in line like everyone else? I don't think so.

Of course, anyone who is lucky enough to be personally acquainted with a medical specialist understands this quite well. To see one usually takes months of waiting, but if you know one personally, an appointment can usually be arranged much sooner. Given that medical doctors are generally quite well off, their social relation ships are, not surprisingly, going to be biased towards those with a similar amount of material wealth.

This means that those who are rich are much more likely to know a specialist and be able to call them up for preferential treatment when they need it. Voilà: two-tiered healthcare.

However, even if someone rich isn't lucky enough to know the type of specialist they need, or if some kind of elective surgery is needed for which they'd have to wait in line, there is still the option of going to the United States and paying out of one's pocket to get it done immediately. And why shouldn't they? By doing so they relieve pressure on the publicly-funded system and allow those who can't afford to pay for it themselves faster access than they would otherwise get. But wouldn't it make more sense to stop sending money south of the border and instead allow those who are willing and able



The worry, of course, is that allowing private services would siphon off the best doctors from the public system and lead to the eventual demise of Medicare, but as long as there are plenty of graduates coming out of medical schools I can't see this happening. Certainly some might choose to work in the

private system, but then this is a possibility right now—it's called the United States. Any doctor who feels financially constrained by Canada's public healthcare system could move there now. And some do, but that the vast majority do not attests to some attachment to the value of a publicly-funded healthcare system, or at least to Canada generally, Besides, the number of people willing and able to pay for private healthcare would never be enough to support the amount of quality healthcare profes sionals we have in Canada.

Should there be a universal publicly -funded Canadian healthcare system? Absolutely But as healthcare costs rise by eight per cent a year, the government cannot afford to continually throw more and more money into it, which is the only proposal that the "defenders of Medicare" can seem to come up with. It's not surprising that healthcare is the biggest issue in Canadian politics as the Baby Boomers hit retirement age.

Politicians promise billions more in funding, while funding for postsecondary education-which will define the future of this country-has been cut drastically over the last 20 years. The money has to come from somewhere, after all.

Serious healthcare reform is needed, and the boogieman that is the American system is not the only alternative available. Canada is, in fact, the only country in the world with universal health coverage that bans the private delivery of medically-

necessary services. That everyone should have equal access to health services is a noble idea. but when it is so out of touch with the reality of the world, and impossible to actually implement without the total suppression of individual liberty, things need to change.

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## American voters shouldn't be swayed by Republican mud slinging, misdirection



Prior to the Republican convention, polls showed presidential candidates John Kerry and George W Bush in a dead heat for the November election. with the electoral power resting in the hands of a small number of undecided voters. Democrats and Republicans alike used their parties conventions to share their voices and visions with the American people. While the main purpose of these conventions was to unite and solidify the base of the parties, the question remains: how effective were these conventions in reaching the ever-important swing voter?

The most recent poll in Time magazine shows George W Bush with a decisive lead over John Kerry. Although this poll comes on the heels of the Republican convention and should be viewed with caution, it appears that the Republicans have made some inroads with the swing voter. Considering the optimistic vision of the Democratic convention and the added fortune of a few miscalculations by the Republican Party. it was surprising that the Democrats failed to make similar gains

The Republicans chose Democratic Senator Zell Miller to deliver their keynote address. He used the podium to publicly throw his support behind Bush and to deliver a bitter, vitriolic tirade against Kerry. Republicans must have thought it an ideal situation to have a "Democrat" criticize Kerry in their conention. After all, this same man introduced Bill Clinton at the Democratic convention in 1992. However, Miller's speech did not have the intended effect. Instead of eroding the support of the Democrats, Republicans spent the rest

of the night on damage control. In stark contrast, Barack Obama, a rising star in the Democratic Party, gave the Democratic keynote address He spoke of his humble roots as the son of an immigrant and of America as a land of opportunity. His message was optimistic and hopeful. This message found a voice in other Democrats with electrifying speeches by former president Bill Clinton and Reverend Al Sharpto

Why didn't the swing voter embrace the Democratic vision? In truth, these addresses speak to the spirit of the party, but they don't present a plan for ealing with the issues, and the cen tral issue in the November election will be the war in Iraq.

Republicans emphasized Bush's post-11 September initiatives in homeland security and the War on Terror as a testament to his decisiveness and resolve. They also went on the offensive, questioning Kerry's Vietnam War service record and labeling him an indecisive flip-flopper. Unfortunately, the negative campaigning seems to have worked. While voters say they want an election about the issues, they expect mud slinging, and as a strategy, negative information has much more staying power.

Apparently voters are suffering from general case of amnesia and have forgotten about the weapons of mass destruction blunder that "misled" America into war, the growing body count in Iraq, and the bloody insur gence that is jeopardizing the country's transition to democracy. It will take an international effort for Irao to stand on its own, and Kerry has a better chance of success since he hasn' already alienated the international

community. If Bush wins decisively November it won't be because of a confusing election question, problems with a butterfly ballot, or the inability to properly puncture a chad. It will be because the American people have actively chosen his vision for the future. His will be the face of America, a face that frowns on same-sex rights, ignores the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and disregards the voice of the international community. But, with two months of campaigning left and the presidential debates to cor it's still anyone's game.

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## Euro-trippers would be better off in Canada



MOROZ.

The idea of a "summer vacation" a bit of an absurdity to most U of A students. Most of us spent the summer months being good little Albertans, trying desperately to make up the shortfalls in our student loans by toiling away in some kind of environment-raping resource-extraction job or a soul-sucking retail position. And while I am confident that the vast majority of students are, like me, members of this nouveau lumpenproletariat, I am acutely aware that more than a few of you decided to eschew summer employment, partaking instead in that most Canadian of pastimes: the European backpacking trip. And oh, how I loathe you globetrot-

It's not the act of going to Europe that troubles me, but the pathetic reasons most people have for going. The most obvious one is the nauseating "I need to find myself" story, which really should have stopped work ing as an excuse for anything back in junior high. If you really want to be alone with yourself, the bustling metropolis that is Paris is probably not the best choice. The barren confines of Heritage Mall would probably give more ample opportunities for reflective thought.

Far more sickening, though, is the idea that, much in the same way foreigners in Canada have a certain level of sexual allure, a Canadian traveling in Europe will be positively irresistible to any bambina or fille he comes across. Before he left, a friend of mine made it known that he intended to "totally score" with "foreign chicks" while abroad, and while he has so far remained tight-lipped about his success rate, it is worth noting that he did e-mail me from Eastern Europe to ask me if I knew what nvet or nein

Perhaps the most compelling reason to reconsider traipsing off across the pond is best illustrated by making some casual observations. Ask anyone who returns from Europe who they met during their ostensibly foreign odyssey, and they typically report that every hostel from Belfast to Berlin is iammed to the rafters with Yankees. Canucks and the odd brash, annoying Aussie. So, you ask, where are all the Europeans? Ironically, they're in

That's right: every year tens of thousands of Jacques, Oksanas, Marcels and Grettas decide to cash in some Euros and fly to Toronto to backpack the Great White North, And, you know, maybe they're on to something; this is a hell of a country we live in, and most of us have seen only a very narrow piece of it. Which brings me to my point: a disturbing number of my Eurotripping friends have visited maybe two Canadian provinces. Doesn't it seem a little absurd for a Canadian to see Paris before Montréal? We live in the most culturally-and-geographically-diverse nation on the planet, and yet our upper-middle class young people can't get on a trans-Atlantic flight fast enough. For shame.

In the interest of full disclosure, I will concede that this disgust is slightly motivated by jealously. I have never been to Europe, and I would very much like to go. Admittedly, I don't really hate all of my European adventurer friends. Some of them redeemed themselves by being thoughtful enough to send me vaguely homoerotic postcards from Italy, bring me back esoteric Iron Curtain-era trinkets from Germany, or, in the case of Gateway editor Dave Berry, present me with a big heaping pile of jack.

And I do like hearing the stories; I myself am guilty of telling the odd travel tale. Heck, when I returned from Jamaica last winter, I bragged to everyone about how much I had seen and done. Regardless, I maintain that probably 80 or 90 per cent of the idealistic Canadian undergrads who will be showing off their Mediterranean tans and chic continental wardrobes in the coming weeks would have "found themselves" far more efficiently in the Yukon or northern Ontario, or met girls more easily in Halifax or

Especially Montréal

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## Anti-social behaviour law? That's a great idea



ROZENHART

The thought police are out in full force, scouring the streets of large- and small-town England. These Orwellian figures are not interested in Newspeak or whether or not you're seeking to overthrow the government, howe That much I could at the very least understand, even if I violently disagree with it

No, the British thought police are worried that citizens are swearing too much and being too sarcastic. They aren't, in fact, the thought police so much as the manners police, and their mandate is to prevent so-called anti-social behaviour from plaguing their island. Their weapon of choice is Britain's anti-social behaviour order.

According to the Globe and Mail, this order was created to prevent disputes in the "less genteel" parts of Britain. But its powers and implications are far more worrying than uncouth rural pub-goers hurling curse words at each other Perhan most troublesome is the implication that the ASBO can prohibit certain people from associating with otherswhich is a violation, certainly here in Canada, of basic human rights. Sure, in special cases certain criminals shouldn't be allowed to associate with others, but to prohibit two sarcastic 15-year-olds from hanging nd together simply because they could combine to form a Devastator sized sarcasm machine is ridiculous

What the creators of this so-called order are failing to recognize is that though their fancy-pants order may defeat Devastator, there is a larger, Metroplex-sized demon-to continue

this weak Transformers metaphorcalled "slippery slope" rearing its ugly head. And I'm not talking about vague, theoretical slippery slopes, either. I'm talking about valid, real-world, giant-sarcastic-metal-transformingrobot slippery slopes: in particular, what defines anti-social behaviour.

According to the order, anti-social behaviour is "behaviour which causes or distress to one or more people who are not in the same household as the perpetrator." The ASBO goes on describe such behaviour as graffiti, abusive and intimidating language, and excessive noise, among oth things. And while these examples seem benign, the way the order is being applied suggests that people are being charged for nothing more than a lack of manners.

For example, an 87-year-old man was charged under the order for breaching an ASBO that bars him from shouting, swearing or making sarcastic remarks to his neighbours So, it's a crime to be sarcastic, huh? I guess I'll grab some duct tape and start marching around campus "charging" people, then.

The ASBO is an excellent example of a poor attempt to legislate human behaviour. Some people just can't cope with the barbed remarks of others. This order allows them to get

But what's really needed here is mandatory attendance in a class for coping with society. Apparently, people simply are not witty enough to deal with sarcasm and swearing. So, let's equip them—teach them how to respond to an 87-year-old's loud complaining without having to call the police

Imagine what would happen if we had the Edmonton Police running all over the place dealing with calls on sarcastic teenagers. They'd have to boost Whyte Ave patrols by over 200 per cent just to keep things civil. And this doesn't even take into account the "real" crimes happening throughout the city.

But, hey, if the British want to crip ple their criminal justice system just because their citizens can't solve their own problems, more power to them. At least they won't have to worry about sarcastic Transformers invading their island utopia

## Dave Alexander's TOP TEN Reasons the Top Ten is back

- 50 Still partying like it's 1999 for some reason.
- Ad for X-ray specs that was supposed to go in this space fell through. All proceeds go to construction of a sex dungeon made entirely of
- "Bottom Ten" didn't go over that well.
- It's all part of a vast conspiracy to divert your attention while tuition goes up another per cent.
- With winter coming, hobos demanded larger editions of paper to stay warm.
- Opinion editor a regular hand-job Jedi.
- Gateway's Hobo and Dick Jokes Threat Level Meter getting danger ously low
- Not having it would ruin Christmas for all the Whos in Whoville.
- Seriously, it was this or that fuckhead Ziggy.

## 'Alternative' radio program hardly anything out of the ordinary



This just in: George W Bush prob ably lied about the reasons behind invading Iraq. And the United States is apparently some kind of imperialisttype power. Also, eating nothing but uncooked red meat might be kind of bad for you.

I bet none of you have ever heard anything like this before, have you? Nope, these three facts are quite obviously the most underground, unheard-of pieces of information currently available in the world today. Quite simply, no one realizes the hor-rors of George W Bush, the United States, and an all raw-meat diet.

At least that's the impression you might get, sans the meat diet thing, if you listened to "Alternative Radio, broadcast locally on CISR. The lecture program, which is supposed to focus on points of view "ignored or distorted in other media." has lately turned into almost nothing but a series of attacks on our neighbours to the south and their misguided leader

Now, I'm not saying these attacks aren't warranted-it seems fairly obvious to me that the US has done some bad things recently and needs to be called on them. No, my point is that this kind of thing can hardly be called an "alternative" viewpoint. I mean, columnists semi-regularly show up in publications across North America and Europe, from the Globe and Mail to the Washington Post to the London Times, pointing out some of the deficiencies in America's foreign policy. Can you really consider several countries' largest daily newspapers "alternative" media?

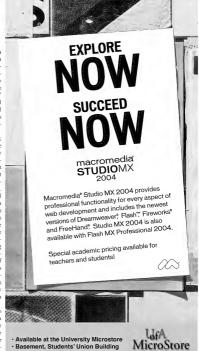
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But you don't even need to look at other media sources to see that there isn't very much "alternative" about this radio program. Of the 13 different lectures scheduled for the summer, no less than seven made reference to imperialism (presumably American) or the socalled War on Terror. To say nothing of the fact that most people have already made up their minds about what they think of the US's recent actions by now you would think these lecturers' views might be a little more different if they were so alternative.

What's more, one of the few lectures that didn't explicitly mention the above topics in its title was given by Michael Moore, Michael Moore is a lot of things. But alternative? The man has made three feature-length filmsone of which made over \$100 million US-produced a television show and authored several books that have appeared on the New York Times pestseller list. The only way he could possibly get more mainstream would be to buy several thousand hectares of Florida swampland, set up a roller coaster and call it "MooreWorld."

It's time we called this what it is; like too many other things that abuse the word "alternative," this is really just an excuse for slightly-more-left than-usual people to parade about their viewpoints and feel good about being "different," rather than any thing all that unique or original. Maybe if they had some hard-nosed Libertarian come on and expound on the benefits of not paying your taxes (the fact that these "alternative" types of media never pay attention to the right-wing alternatives is another issue for another day), or hell, even a raspyvoiced French existentialist explaining why we should stop caring about politics altogether and start living a life of crazy hedonism, you could call this stuff radically different. But the current endless parade of Bush-basher driving home the same point really makes it more "Left-Wing Radio" than "Alternative Radio

And, again, while I certainly ag with these speakers on more than enough points, I'd hardly consider any viewpoint I can read in a daily or see on a movie I rented at Blockbuster incredibly radical, despite what it pres ents itself to be





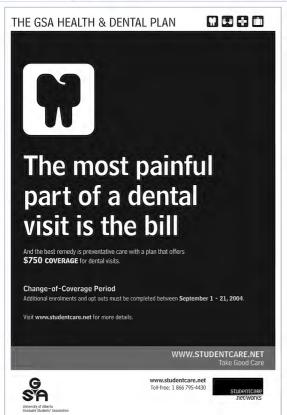
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## By-elections are expose Council's weaknesses



NICHOLAS TAM

Some of you may have a vague recollection of how last March, immediately following the annual elections for the Students' Union Executive, there came an anti-climax that one could quite accurately term a sideshow of democracy. Armed with modest eight-and-a-half-by-elevens emblazoned with monochrome photographs and the stock fonts of Microsoft Word, a gaggle of candidates vying to make a difference (or so they told us) ran for seats on the relatively inglorious Students' Council, of which, you elected 33.

So why, in a few weeks, is there yet another round of Students' Council elections for twelve seats in nine different faculities? Alas, if only it were but an elaborate conspiracy masterminded by the Print Centre to run off more posters. Instead, we now face the harsh reality that many seats simply went unconseised in the March ballots, while many others were vacated by resignations due to conflicts with paying jobs and other such pesky things.

The same thing happened last year, though to a much lesser extent—only three Council seats were contested—and by all standards of public awareness and voter participation, the September by-election was a face. Seats that were hody contested just months before were claimed with a number of votes less than what I score per turn in an average game of Scrabble. If history repeats itself, we are looking at the same thing occurring at the end of September, only this time around the stakes comprise over a quarter of Council's entire composition.

Perhaps the failure of the last fall by-election had less to do with awareness than apathy. When it comes to Students' Council, it's easy to be apathetic. Let us be honest here, good sir: most of the time, the bylaw-pushing that goes on in University Hall every second Tuesday is of no relevance to the lay-student, unless said lay-student has a particular interest in quixotic missions to separate legislative and executive powers. The problem is, unless these open seats are filled by students who commit to wrangling the hody into doing something useful, even the occasional spurts of productivity will teeter on the verge of disapprearance.

See, back in June, when everyone with a soul was too busy mourning the Calgary Flames to notice, Council stripped itself of the old attendance requirements that removed those representatives who were absent for a certain number of meetings. On average, almost a third of the seats that are filled on paper are physically empty, which often brings Council dangerously close to losing quorum before it can slog through the business of the day. But because attendance sanctions no longer exist, these seats are not open in the upcoming by-election. Currently, Council may not do a whole lot that makes it look functional, but if attendance problems compound as the year wears on and even the diehard hacks realize they have to study for exams, things may reach a point where it cannot convene or do anything functional at all. The moral of the story: if you are

lucky enough to be in a faculty with an open seat, consider running for it, if only to keep one of my personal sources of amusement in working order. First-years who have yet to b disillusioned about the mantra of "getting involved" should especially put their names in the hat; those who think the SII should be a model of democracy in its purest form consider it a quirk of the system that graduating students can elect the next year's representatives in March, yet entering students have no say in their govern ment. Being a student councilor is a thankless job, but somebody has to do it. Your opinions will probably lose you some friends, but at least you will e accepted into a community that will actually read your blog.



The following sack beating goes out to one John F Kerry, Democratic candidate for the American presidency and quite possibly the least savvy politician since the King of Town of Homestar Runner fame.

Kerry, in an election race where a large number of people were willing to vote anything but Bush, has consistently gone about making people rethink that view, to the point that he has never once managed to get anything significantly more than a 50-50 split in polls.

I mean, for the love of God, he's running against George W Bush. Bush! Bush! Bush! should have been easy enough to beat based solely on the fact he can barely string together a solid sentence in English. Never mind the fact he fallaciously tromped the States into a Victnam-esque war with no end in sight, all the while watching, or rather ignoring, his country's economy crumble faster than a shelled Iracia building.

All this, and Kerry still bumbles and stumbles his way through election stop after election stop, never once managing to pick up anything resem-

And what is Kerry's latest move to turn the tide of votes towards the Democratic camp? Getting mad at Canada, Yep, at a recent press conference in Michigan, Kerry blasted, if you can properly use that word, Bush for allowing communities in Ontario to bring their garbage across the border and dump it in Michigan landfills.

This is the best he's got? Letting us Canucks use American landfill space isn't even the best environmental issue to nail Bush on. How 'bout the killing of the Kyoto accord there, Kerry? But no, better to complain about a topic so important, no one had heard of it until you opened your mouth.

Being unable to even gain a healthy lead on Bush, who has presided over one of the most troubled presidencies in recent memory, deserves a good, solid beating, you lose-a-tron.

#### DAVID BERRY

The Burlap Sack is a semi-regular feature where a person or group who needs to be put in a sack and beaten is ridiculed in print. No sack beatings are actually administered.



KJENNER

Summertime always gets me thinking about things. I wonder about life; I wonder about love; I wonder about crabs. It also never fails that, while in the pursuit of outdoor recreation and other totally cliché things, every summer I come across something that makes me question my devotion to this metropolitan grind: the small towns of

Liberally sprinkled throughout our massive hinterland are these minute packets of right-on that many bemoan for their simplicity, isolation, and rabid gun worship. These, however, are the very things that draw me, every summer, to places like Atmore and Heinsburg and Forestburg. Except that "rabid gun worship" I mean "slopitch tournaments."

Either way, I love small-town Alberta. First, although we all know that the coolest people come from the suburbs (such as: Breaker High's Scott Vickaryous, me) some of the most interesting and fun people I have met have hailed from places like Provost and Pigeon Lake. I'm not trying to stereotype here, but it just seems that people from rural environments seem worried about setting their highlights off and more worried about getting their party on.

This is quite possibly because small towns have the best goddamn bars in the world, which is another reason I'm so enamored with them. Small towns have better dives than the Chinese Olympic team. The booze is always ridiculously cheap, possibly because of the necessity of beer goggles in the breeding process in some of these places. It seems that every guy has a mullet and, remarkably, regardless of her age, every girl is a cougar. I view this as a big positive. You can go to these bars and not have to worry about anything except having fun and not shitting your pants

These redoubtable bars could be the root of another small-town Alberta phenomenon: ridiculous monuments. The only possible motivation for building a giant perogy (I'm looking at you. Glendon) could be sisterkissing loadedness. This is not to say that these things are not awe-inspir ing; I challenge you to gaze upon the world's largest pysanka and not weep.

But bars and vastly oversized mor ments of largely Ukrainian significance aren't the best parts of small towns; as trite as it sounds, the best part of these towns is the people. Nowhere else have I met people as genuine or trusting as I have while traveling through small towns. To illustrate this point, here's a

I was in the town of Myrnam for a slo-pitch tourney, and some of my traveled to the nearby metrop lis of Derwent to get some eats. For the hell of it, a teammate and I decided to try and hitchhike back to Myrnam Of the two vehicles that passed us on the trip, both picked us up-and the second vehicle was a Ford Taurus con taining a woman and her two teenage

If three women picking up two walking rape-suspect sketches like us on a lonely country road isn't good-natured trust, I don't know what is. That's exactly what I like about places like Myrnam: it's like you got in the Dolorean and set the dial for 1950. People are friendlier, more genuine and more trusting. And the odd UFO landing pad doesn't hurt anything, either.

## Small towns totally kick ass | I wouldn't have the courage to come out



SNIDER

I have a confession. I'm not quite sure how to say this, so I'm just going to come out with it: I shake my booty at the gay bar. That's right-if this boy is shaking his bon-bon, it's likely to be in the midst of men and women who like men and women, respectively

While I feel comfortable making this confession via the relative anonymity that writing (even writing in publication that includes my name and photo) provides. I am hesitant to admit it in public conversation, despite the fact that I'm not gay. I'm afraid of what people might think or, rather, what they might do as a result of what they might think.

When a friend at work asks what club I usually hang out at on those rare instances when I go clubbing, I avoid the question, saying, "I don't really have a regular place." And while I'm not quite lying when I say that, I'm not being entirely honest either. Having a relatively large number of gay friends means that when my friends and I decide to go out to a club, we're likely to end up at a club of the homosexual variety. So, while I don't have a "regular place" per se, if I'm at a club, it's probably a gay club.

Though my fear of admitting this fact, even among coworkers whom I am relatively friendly, is likely due more to my own ingrained prejudices than any real fear of being shunned, it has given me just the tini est inkling of how hard it must be for someone who is actually gay to come out. Even in our supposedly tolerant, post-Stonewall world, coming out takes incredible courage—courage that deserves respect. I can't imagine being afraid to be myself, and I'm glad that I don't have to be because, frankly, I'm not that brave

Of course, there are multiple definitions of bravery, each with their own degrees of credibility. One common definition is based on the ideas of machismo and brute strength. I don't generally subscribe to this model of bravery—I see it as more of a false brabut there are times I'd like to use it against those who do. Like, for instance, the type of guy who thinks that shouting bigotry and threatenthe threat to his manhood that, in his mind, homosexuality represents

Infinitely braver, in my mind, is the person-gay or otherwise-who follows his heart and is who he is, consequences be damned. The gay man who comes out of the closet despite the risk of being shunned by family and friends, or of becoming the victim of homophobic violence or the lesbian who brings her girlfriend home for Christmas dinnerthese are the truly brave people in

Not the narrow-minded bigots who act according to stereotypical and outdated concepts of what it means to be a man or a woman



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Uuhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh what the hell?

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## The Thrill of the Race



## It's been 49 years since Don Weideman last sat behind the wheel of a soapbox racer.

Words: Leah Collins Photos: Leanne Fong or supplied by the EFCL It was a little plywood car he built when he was 14—red with yellow numbers—lovingly constructed from scraps he found in his dad's

Dubbed Weedy the Second, he raced it down Connor's Hill to first place in the 1955 Edmonton soapbox derby. Though Weedy II has long since disappeared and Weideman's days of speeding down Edmonton's hills in modified wooden crates are behind him, lately he's had soapbox derbies on his mind.

Weideman, along with a number of other Education is organizing the first scapbox derby the city has seen since 1973. The race, which is set to take place Saturday, II September on Victoria Hill, is being hosted by the Edmontton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) in celebration of the city's centennial anniversary.

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many North American cities, Edmonton's history includes a chapter on soapbox racing. The first Edmonton derby, which was also sponsored by the EFCL, was held on 18 July, 1936. Throughout the '30s and 40s, the annual event was immensely popular among young participants and spectators alike. By the '50s, when Weideman was racing, the Edmonton derby had grown to the point that it brought out thousands of spectators

"There was well in excess of 100 [participants] and thousands of people came out," he remembers. "They used to line the route, and TV was out there. It was a big event. Not just family and friends coming to see. No, it was more than that. And they promoted it quite well and it was one of these community things where everybody seemed to come out in those days.

Despite the derby's widespread appeal, by the early '70s it became impossible to mount. To run the derby, the EFCL was required to pay for the road closure of the race route, and with Southgate Pontiac and West World Computers road closure costs increasing year by year, it and we have a number of other sponsors eventually became financially who've helped by contrib-

Edmonton derby, says Russ Dahms, executive director of the EFCL. Not that this year is any exception to the rule-road closure and insurance costs are more expensive than ever--but as this is the year of Edmonton's centennial, the EFCL wanted to bring back the soapbox derby, if only this once, to celebrate the city's past and to foster community involvement. As

for the expense, Dahms says

unfeasible to continue the

the EFCL has fortunately had good community explains Weideman. But, as the committee We've got a couple of title sponsors-

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> continued to plan the race and excitement over the comeback of the derby grew, it seemed

uting what we call a car

sponsorship, which goes to

fund the cost for materials

to build a car-for kids or

families who just don't have

the wherewithal—which has

just been awesome. We've

had so many groups, indi-

viduals, services, clubs, and

companies come forward

and help us out, and that's

This year's event was initially planned as a "ceremo-nial" race: a re-creation of

one of the old-time derbies.

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been just great," he says.

that running a real derby would be a better option. So far, approximately 75 entries from kids aged eight to 15 have been received, and Dahms expects that the heats (they'll be run in twos) will be going on all Saturday afternoon. And though we're in the technological age of 2004, Dahms reflects there's still something essentially old-fashioned about the cars the participants are building.

"There's an open class where you'll find there's a lot of technological advances—where you've got graphite and all kinds of other new metals and new alloys being used for the skin and the wheels and that kind of stuff. So in the open class there's been lots of change, but the closed class—it's still basic. Put some boards under [a soapbox], find some wheels and some rope to steer the thing with, and go."

It's not just the designs that stick to old-time essentials more importantly, the reasons why soapbox derbies were so popular 30, 40, and 50 years ago remain the same: the skills and pride

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still appeals to participants, and the specta-tors are still intrigued by the fun of the race. Simple reasons, perhaps, but Arthur Warman, volunteer co-ordinator of the soapbox derby committee, who's helping his twelve-yearold son Jonathan with his own entry in the race, reflects there's something about soapbox racing's old-fashioned qualities that makes it

appealing to people today.

"I think in some ways there's some move to get back to the simple things in life, and it brings back memories of the good times when life wasn't quite so complicated. I see it as giving my son a chance to do something outdoors and with his hands instead of just on the computer. And it gives us time to spend time together, which is really important," he explains.

Don Weideman still recalls what drew him to soapbox racing as a kid. Weideman was twelve when he watched his first Edmonton and watched it, and then said 'I can do that,'" he remembers.

And he did. After finding a plan for a racer in an old copy of Mechanics Illustrated, he began messing around in his dad's garage (with a little help from his dad and

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brother), putting together his racer in anticipation of the

upcoming derby.

"The first time I raced, it was on MacDougall Hill. You know, the one that goes by the Hotel MacDonald," begins Weideman. "And that road had a sharper hairpin turn

at the bottom than it does now. The turn was included in the race, and they didn't mark the lanes, so the whole idea was you raced to get to the inside of that turn, so a few cars crashed together. I happened to get into the finals by being part of a crash. One kid bashed into the

side of me, and he came off of me and locked wheels with the third one in the race. So they just about slowed down to a crawl, and I was just barely limping by them to win."

The next year-the year of Weideman's win-the race was moved to Connor's Hill,

a change he figures came out of the fear that one of that the minor scrapes and bruises incurred from the '54 crash on MacDougall Hill might escalate into more serious injuries.

And, almost 50 years later, he can still remember the

sheer excitement of that day—of a year's worth of buildup, of working away in the garage for one chance to fly down a hill. "When you went to the race, that's usually the first time you went down a hill in your car," he explains. "There was no place to practice.

"It was exciting. The whole thing was exciting—what with people crowded around and your family there," he remembers. A few weeks ago, Weideman was digging

through some old boxes and came across some mementos of the '55 race: his old awards for "champion of the race" and "best built car"— two tiny gold trophies of "little racecars with a guy sitting in them"—he laughs that the head's been knocked off one of them.

Weideman also took home a brand new bicycle and a baseball glove as winner of the derby. He mentions that, prize-wise, he regrets being unable to compete the follow-ing year, as the winner of the 1956 Edmonton derby would have been able to continue to the Canadian soapbox championship in Mission, BC-where it's still held-to eventually compete for a brand new Chevrolet and a \$10 000 scholarship.

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Also found was a box of old photographs and slides from the derby. "You know, I was surprised to find them," he chuckles. 'Probably got to be 30 years since I'd seen them, maybe even more. It's like looking at old movies."

Finding the old photos also reminded Weideman of what exactly made the old— and new, for that matter—derbies exciting: it wasn't about winning. It was about having fun and learning new things, perhaps about just being a kid.

There's one old black-and-white shot of a 14year-old Weideman standing proudly beside his soapbox car. Next to him is another boy, absolutely beaming behind his rag-tag racer. "My car was parked at the staging area, I guess

ready to go, and right beside me was another kid whose car was built with just a little bit he says he's been excited to be building his of wood and cardboard. He

just had cardboard around the outside," Weideman remem-

"In those days it was just about having your own racer, no matter how they built them. He had just as much fun as I did. I remember talking to him and he was smiling and laughing in the picture, and we all had fun. I mean, the whole idea was just to do it."

the upcoming derby, but more than anything, own soapbox racer with his dad.

A year ago, Jonathan had the chance to drive a soapbox racer

down a hill in Millett (Millett,

along with several other com-munities in Alberta—Devon

and Blackfalds, for example-

have kept up their soapbox racing traditions), and has

wanted the chance to drive

It wasn't about winning. It was about having fun and learning new things, perhaps about just being a kid.

one again, this time in his own car. The car in Millett, Twelve-year-old Jonathan Warman is getting he says, was kind of slow, but he figures his ready to do just that. He's pretty excited about own car will be faster and cooler. It's his

own design-smaller at the front and bigger at the back, he explains, for aerodynamics. He's been building it with his dad for about four months, and though right now his dad describes it as looking "like a pile of parts," in the end it'll be seven feet long and 22 inches wide, with a professional blue-and-yellow wide, will a pricessional bute-anti-yenow paint job courtesy of their sponsor, Raleigh Subaru. Jonathan, naturally, hopes to win, and figures his car may have an edge thanks to a set of "really good wheels." He's just looking forward to the race: to

the competition, to the fun of it all. Despite Edmonton's 50-year derby hiatus, things haven't changed.

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# **SPORTS**

## Football Bears aim to keep winning on the road

With a season-opening win behind them, the Golden Bears football team will head east for the second straight week, this time to face the team they upset in the playoffs last season: the power house Saskatchewan Huskies.

The Huskies, who were undefeated in the regular season last year before losing to the Bears in the conference semi-final, scored a convincing win over Calgary in their season opener last Friday and hope to once again be the team to beat in Canada West.

"Saskatchewan is going to be tough and this is going to be the biggest challenge we've had so far this year," said Bears head coach Jerry Friesen. "We know that we can compete against them and now it's just a matter of making sure that we take care of what we have to do, and everything else will fall into place."

Friesen admitted that beginning the season with a pair of road trips presents a challenge for his team, now ranked fifth in the country. Last week's opponents, the Regina Rams, are always a strong team, and the fourth-ranked Huskies are early favourites to capture the Canada West crown. But Friesen expressed confidence that

"This is a tough part of the schedule for us. Going to Regina and then turning around and going right back to Saskatoon is a tough trip. said Friesen. "It does get us focused for the year, having to play two tough teams, two tough road trips, and I think in the long run it's going to be better for us.

Last week's win came primarily on the strength of solid defensive and special teams efforts, and the Bears offense, particularly fourth-year quarterback Darryl Salmon, will need to improve dramatically as they prepare to face an always stingy Huskies defense.

"Right now we have to take care of our busi ness. We have to improve our execution level on all three levels: offense, defense and special teams," said Friesen. "If we improve our execution we will be able to go into Saskatoon and compete. We have to keep getting better every

The play of new kicker Beau Filkowski was a leasant surprise for the Bears, as he did a solid job in his first game as a punter after serving as a placekicker at Minot State in North Dakota

"He came up and did exactly what he had to

placed it in the corner on the six-yard line and the next play we ended up getting a safety, which was a big factor in the game."

A pair of injuries to veteran players last week hamper the Bears' cause this weekend. Third-year fullback Tim Hetherington suffered season, while second-year offensive tackle Ryan Dubyk has knee problems and won't play in

Saturday's game will be broadcast live on CISR 88.5 FM, with a pre-game show at 1:15pm and kickoff at 1:30pm



## Bears open gridiron season with win with first-ever win at Taylor Field

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI

The Golden Bears opened their season with a victory last Saturday, beating the Regina Rams 23-14 in a sloppy affair.

Bears head coach Jerry Friesen admitted his team was glad to break its losing streak in the Queen City

That was one of the factors we looked at when we went there," said Friesen. "It wasn't the major factor, but winning there finally-it's got some satisfaction attached to it.

Saturday also marked the first time the Bears have opened the season with a win since 2001 But despite the positive result, the game was filled with penalties, timing problems and broken plays as both teams struggled to find their form. The Bears offense had a particularly difficult time, as quarterback Darryl Salmon started the game with 13 straight incompletions, finishing

with only seven completions on 28 pass attempts for 122 yards

"He made the right reads and called a good game," Friesen said of his quarterback. "It was just that his touch was off and that the connec tion between him and the receivers just didn't happen. Next game it will happen. He was having a tough day and I'm not going to worry

On the defensive side, things clicked much more easily. An early interception by Bears line backer David Lowry set the Bears on a roll, and by game's end they had three interceptions, six ks and one blocked pass

"The defense came out and played really well," said Friesen. "It was our first game and it was the first time we were out there together as a uni under game conditions. In time our offense will come around. Special teams played reasonably well and now it's just a matter of all three units coming together for our next game

## Business as usual for Augustana Vikings

New faculty's athletics program will remain autonomous in merger with University of Alberta

ROBIN COLLUM

With the merger between the University of Alberta and Augustana University College offi cially taking effect this year, the U of A now has a new sporting presence.

The Augustana faculty will continue to field its own teams-as the Vikings-and while the merger will undoubtedly mean big changes for some branches of the two schools, their respec tive athletics departments insist things will mostly be business as usual

There is no formal relationship between the two departments, and athletes from one campus will not be able participate in athletics at the other. Aside from the distance between campuses-Augustana is in Camrose, approximately an hour and a half from Edmontonis unclear how Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) and Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference (ACAC) eligibility requirements would apply to cross-campus student athletes.
"Even though there has been a merger, and

there are plans to integrate the two registration systems, they are not currently integrated," said Mike McTeague, assistant athletics director at the U of A. "There is no way that I can check on the academic records of an Augustana student athlete while they're there.

Yvonne Becker, athletics director at Augustana said there could nonetheless be some room for the departments to reach across the entire University in the future.

"Some synergies may exist in which, for example, cross-country skiers who attend the Edmonton campus may draw on the expertise of the coaching on Augustana's campus," she said.

The Vikings will continue to play in the ACAC, while the U of A is a member of CIS and its Canada West conference. Despite Augustana transitioning to being a faculty of a CIS member school, no changes are expected in terms of its ACAC membership

"Because of the differences within the conferences in which we participate, we expect few differences in the recruitment of students and team participation," said Becker

Despite the separation that will be maintained between the two athletics departments, there are expected to be advantages to the merger for Augustana athletics. Financial problems at Augustana drove the decision to merge with the U of A, and the athletics department felt the

squeeze of tight budgets.

"Augustana athletics can certainly be enhanced through the merger," said Becker. "Although we will remain a small campus, the access to resources—both financial and human—will certainly be helpful to [both] our athletic and academic programs.

However, while U of A students support athletics through programs like the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund, there will be no direct cost to students associated with the merger, according to Students' Union Vice President (Operations and Finance) Alvin Law.

"Augustana students will not be able to access specific 'granting-type' services for which they have not paid into, like the Legacy Fund," said

Like the Pandas and Golden Bears, the Vikings have a history of fielding strong teams. Viking men claimed gold in cross-country running at the 2003 Canadian Colleges Athletics Association championships, as well as in Nordic skiing at the Canadian College and University Nordic Championships this past spring.

## VIKING

The Vikings compete in seven different sports, including:

- men's hockey
- · men's and women's basketball
- · men's and women's biathlon
- · men's and women's hockey · men's, women's and mixed curling
- · men's and women's cross-country skiing
- men's and women's volleyhall · men's and women's cross-country running

·Every second year, Augustana hosts the Viking Cup minor hockey tournament, in which the Vikings compete against all-star and national junior teams from around the world. This past January, the Vikings posted a 2-2 record with wins over teams from SwitzerlandandNorway.Over 200VikingCup alumni have been drafted by NHL teams

 Among various awards earned by Augustana athletes last year, women's basketball players Miriam Mol and Paige Goudreau were named conference all-stars, while Vikings forward Tim Green was named the ACAC's men's hockey MVP.

## Campus club takes hockey to new depths

From above water, it looks something like twelve norpoises fighting over a single herring. A closer look, though, reveals a purpose behind the feeding frenzy.

The men and women in the pool aren't chasing a fish, but rather a 1.5kg plastic-coated lead puck, and they're trying to push it into one of two long troughs along the floor. It's called underwater hockey, and with the help of the Edmonton Underwater Hockey Association (EUHA), a group of U of A students are starting a campus club to promote the gruelii sport that's virtually unknown in this part of the world.

"'Underwater what?' is the reac-tion I get a lot of the time," laughed Adam Jocksch, who's helping to organize the new club. He recalled that he only discovered the sport himself by vord of mouth, through a friend of a friend

"But I've been playing for about five and a half years, and at that time we'd have three people show up a lot of nights. Now we have 20 people show up on a regular basis. ... It's definitely growing.

The new club will try to build on that growth, and introduce the sport to a segment of the population that generally isn't aware of it.

"We have youth building up to the

adult level, but most of our adults are past university age," said EUHA presi-dent Gilles Benoiton. "So we want to fill the gap in that age group

Underwater hockey can be intimidating to those who've never played it. Players are equipped only with gloves, a small stick and snorkel gear-no air tanks. Holding one's breath and knowing when to resurface for air are therefore major skills in the game. But as scary as that may seem to newco ers, it's just part of what makes the sport so "addictive" to many of those

"Teamwork is a very important aspect.... You have to get up [for air] and then get right back down there on the bottom, because unless you're on the bottom you can't do anything."

> ADAM JOCKSCH UNDERWATER HOCKEY PLAYER

"It's one of the more grueling sports I've ever tried; that's probably one of the reasons I've stuck with it, said Jocksch, formerly a competitive swimmer who started playing underwater hockey as a way to keep in shape hetween seasons

"Teamwork is a very important aspect," said Jocksch. "You have to

be down there for your teammates You have to get up [for air] and then get right back down there on the bottom, because unless you're on the

bottom you can't do anything. Being underwater also gives the sport a three-dimensional quality that participants appreciate. "Not only do you have to worry about people around you, you've got people coming over top of you. You get attacked from all angles when you have the puck,"

The new club is table-sitting at the clubs fair throughout the week, in an effort to attract students to its open house Tuesday night at Kinsmen pool. And though the sport is physically demanding and offers the opportunity to compete at a high level-Jocksch is a former member of Canada's junior national team-Benoiton stress anyone is welcome to join, as the club ill feature both competitive and rec reational sides

As for their hopes for the club, both Benoiton and Jocksch say they are merely trying to introduce their sport to a few more people. Still, Jocksch admits that he'd like it to be a small

step toward something bigger. "It's kind of a pipe dream, but there's the hope, probably not in my lifetime, of maybe even getting into the Olympics," he said. "That's kind of what everyone wants for their sport.

## ABOUT UNDERWATER HOCKEY

- in 1954 by Alan Blake. He felt that an underwater sport was needed to improve scuba divers' skills.
- · Today, it's played in more than 20 countries, including Australia, New Zealand, France, Holland, South Africa, Hungary and Japan.
- · Players are equipped with a mask, snorkel, flippers, protective gloves and a six-inch wooden stick.
- •The pool is 1.5-2.5m deep, and the court area is 20-25m by 10-15m. Goals are 3m troughs centred on each endline . There are two teams, each with six
- · A game is 30 minutes long with a three-minute halftime
  - At the start of play and after a goal. the teams line up at their endline and the puck is placed in the middle of the court. The referee (who is also in the

defenders) in the water at any time.

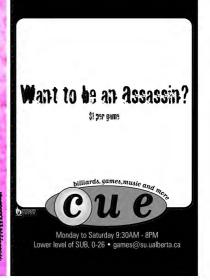
- vater) hits a gong to start play.
- All players may move freely through-out the court—there are no offsides. • The stick is held in one hand and is the only thing allowed to touch the puck.

With files from the EUHA



TAKING A BREATHER Substitutes look on during an underwater hockey match

"What do Tom Hanks, a sword swallower and a porn star have in common THE PERSON NAMED IN PERSON Meet the locals said in CC



## Delaney Collins-Pye returns to hockey Pandas a world champion

JANET LO

When Delaney Collins-Pye had a hockey bag and a pair of figure skates dangling in front of her at age four, she made what she calls an "easy decision." Fortunately for Pandas hockey fans, she went the stick-and-puck route.

Twenty-three years later, the perennical Candian Interuniversity Sport (ICS) all-star was chosen as one of only two CIS players to represent Candia at the International Lee Hockey Federation (IHF) Women's World Championships in Halifax last April, an opportunity she refers to as "the most incredible hockey experience of [her] life."

Collins-Pye—she added "Pye" to her name after her August wedding—scored the insurance goal in a 
2-0 Canada victory in the gold medal game, the highlight goal of her career. 
She drove to the net to poke in a mishandled puck by American goaltender 
Pam Dreyer for what she modestly 
describes as a "bit of a lucky goal."

"I had been released ... three times before I made the team, so it was extra special to make the team," she says. She admits it was a risky decision to try earning a spot on Team Canada from CIS, as the university league is rarely represented on the national team, but with a stellar year for the Pandas, she proved up to the challenge.

Now, she's intent on bringing back her experience from the Worlds and using it to help the Pandas both in the dressing room and on the ice. It might not seem like the team would need much help after last year's undefeated campaign, but Collins-Pye makes it clear that the Pandas need to "raise

"Iknow that we've been undefeated in the past couple years, but I don't think that's good enough. I think we really need to step it up again this year if we want to win again," she says. "Hopefully, I can just contribute to the team in any way that I'm asked."

And Collins-Pye is more than capable contributing in multiple ways. Primarily a forward with the Pandas, the versatile skater played defense for Team Canada, and excels in each role. Last year, she scored a stellar twelve goals and 24 assists in only 13 games, placing her sixth in CIS scoring.

While winning a championoluby wasn't a new experience for Collins-Pye at the World's, playing in front of capacity crowds was. "It's the most amazing feeling to have 12 000 screaming people cheering you on," she says. She hopes that successful events like the world championships will spur sunders so check out a Pandas game. "Our hockey is extremely fin to watch... "Ther's a lot of talent and a lot of skill. Definitely worth seeing a same."

Now, as she enters her last year of CIS eligibility, Collins-Pye is beginning to set her sights on rejoining Team Canada at the 2006 Olympics. That's what I'm thinking about every day," she says. "My ultimate goal is to be an Olympian, and I know, once that's over and if I do have that experience, it will be one of the best ones of my life, so I draw inspiration from that and the challenge of making the team. I'm focused, I really want to be part of the next Olympic team, and I'll do whatever it takes so make it."



LEANNE FONG



KNOCK IT OFF A Bear is taken down during last year's edition of the Golden Bears vs Oilers rookie game.



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# Final game rainout was a fitting farewell for Trappers

Dreary inning and a half fits the mood as Edmonton loses AAA baseball



COLLUM

Sports Commentary

Perhaps it's fitting that rain cut short the Edmonton Trappers' last home game. Like the game, which was cancelled after an inning and a half due to inclement conditions, the Trappers' 24-year stay in Edmonton has come to a premature, dreary end.

Despite the miserable weather, the team promised they'd make every effort to get in the minimum five innings of a regulation game. Sadly, the skies wouldn't cooperate.

But the fans stuck around. This was no dimary game, and we weren't no going to let a little moisture (ckay, a lot of moisture) keep us from saying goodbye to our team. Sure, we were hoping to see a Trappers win, with big his and double plays. But more than that, we were there to thank the play-ers for all the other games we'd seen and enjoyed, and to cement in our minds the memories we'd made at that ballpark. That's what I was there for, at least.

It may seem schmaltzy or melodramatic, especially to someone who doesn't follow baseball, but the Trappers meant a lot to me. I have many happy memories of watching the team at Tells Field or old John Ducey Park. Every season since I was a kid, my dad would bring me down to the park for peanus, a hordog, and the Trappers. I'd watch teams from exotic locations like Fesson, and puzzle over the misamed Pacific Coast League, which mysteriously includes teams from along the Gulf of Mexico.

Since Triple-A baseball rosters depend on the team's Major Lead affiliate and are accordingly transitory, fans must become attached to the club itself, rather than the players. Likewise, my memories of Trappers baseball are as much about the experience as about the action on the field.

Some seasons, I would attend with the rest of my fastball team. Sometimes, we would chant our team cheers at the field, to the bewilderment of those around us. Once, when we were about 14, the home-plate unprire even gave us a big thumbs-up sign.

Most of my Trappers memories, though, are of me and my dat watching from the first-base line. My data would go on about the players' batting technique, rectie weight baseball aphoreism, and yell good-natured comments at the umpires. He would tell me sort of past players "doing what they had to do to get to the Show." I would lap it up, with my eyes glued to the field, hoping

for a good play in the infield.

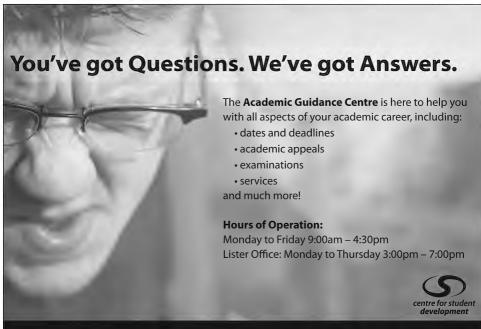
Most of Thursday's crowd must have been reminiscing along the same

lines, because even when the game was officially cancelled, we stayed. We took refuge from the downpour in the concourse, but when the rain stopped and the farewelf irreworks began, the stands were almost as full as they'd been at the beginning of the game. We were rewarded, as the entire Trappers lineup gathered around third base to watch the spectacular display along with the crowd, who all lowered their umbrellas.

Since last October's announcement that the Trappers had been sold and would move to Round Rock, Texas, I've been fairly bitter. I'm mad at the Edmonton Eskimons organization, which owned the Trappers, for doing what I think was a disservice to this city. Triple-A ball has never compared to football or hockey as a draw in this town, but still, many thousands of people enjoyed watching the Trappers play. Edmonton will miss them.

Nonetheless, as I watched the fireworks and listened to Auld Lang Syne over the loudspeakers, I wasn't sad. I was thinking of the good times that so many of us have had at that field, and I was already looking forward to getting to know the Northern League team that will try to fill the void at Telus Field next season.

That's the way it is with baseball, I guess. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, and sometimes you get rained out. One way or another, you live to play another day.





## SPORTS IN

#### Footbal

The Canada West football season opened last Friday as the Saskatchewan Hussles (1-0), ranked fourth in the country, posted a cornivinities 39-0 vini over the Calgary Dinos (o-1) at McMahon Stadium in Calgary Saturday, the UBC Thunderbirds (1-0) scored a shocking 18-11 victory against the Manitoba Bisons (o-1) in Winnipeg, The This were o-8 last season, losing by an average of 16 points.

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Crighton Trophy as CIS football player

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incheacher David Lowny carned defensive player of the week honours with an

interception, two sacks and twelve tack
les overall Huskies kicker frad Ollen won

special teams honours.

Week two of the regular season kicks off Saturday afternoon in Winnipeg with the Bisons hosting the Rams. The Bears visit the Huskies in Saskatoon at 13,00m (live on CJSR), then action wraps up that evening when the Dinos visit the defending conference champion Simon Fraser Clan (o-o) in Vancouver. UBC has a bye this weekend.

#### Women's Soccer

The Pandas are hosting a pre-season tournament this weekend at Foote Field, with the Saskatchewan Huskies and Manitoba Bisons coming to town. The Pandas will open up against the Huskies Friday at 6 pm, then return to the pitch

for a 3pm Saturday match versus the Bisons. The tournament final will be played Sunday afternoon.

The Canada West regular season also gets underway this weekend for a pair of teams, as the Lethbridge Pronghorns host the Regina Rams Saturday and Sunday at noon.

#### Men's Soccer

The Golden Bears are in BC for a series of exhibition games this week. Last night they visited Langara College in Vancouver; results were unavailable at press time.

Their trip continues tonight at 5pm when they face the UBC Thunderbirds, and will wrap up with a 3pm Saturday match against the Victoria Vikes.

## Men's hockey

Monday at 7:30pm, Clare Drake Arena will be the site of potentially the only Edmonton Olsers vs Calgary Flames game of the season, when the teams' respective rookies face off in an exhibition game. The match comes just before the expected labour stoppage that many observers worry may wipe out the NHI season.

The following night, the Golden Bears will play the Oilers rookies in their annual matchup. The two squads have split their lifetime series, scoring eight wins each, but the Bears have won the last three, including a 2 – o shutout last September. Game time for this year's edition is 730pm Tuesday at Clare Drake Arena.



JEFFREY GREE

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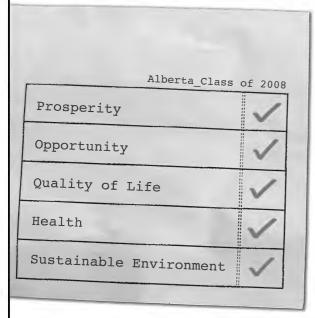
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## THE STATS PAGE

#### Football

Canada West standings

Team	GP	w	L	т	OTL	PF	PA	PTS	
Saskatchewan	1	1	0	0	0	29	0	2	
Alberta	1	1	0	0	0	23	14	2	
UBC	1	1	0	0	0	18	11	2	
Simon Fraser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Manitoba	1	0	1	0	0	11	18	0	
Regina	1	0	1	0	0	14	23	0	
Calgary	1	0	1	0	0	0	29	0	

Note: 1 point awarded for overtime loss

Week one results

Saskatchewan 29 Calgary 0 Manitoba 11 Alberta 23 Regina 14

Week two schedule

Regina @ Manitoba 12pm

Alberta @ Saskatchewan 1:30pm (CJSR) Calgary @ Simon Fraser 8pm

#### CIS top ten (last week)

- Saint Mary's (1)
- Laval (3) Saskatchewan (4)
- Alberta (7)
- Simon Fraser Montreal (10)
- Concordia (5) g. Windsor (NR)
- 10. Western (9)

## GOLDEN BEARS 23 RAMS 14

02:48 ALB—39yd Beau Filkowski rouge (punt) 09:02 ALB—37yd Beau Filkowski rouge (punt) 14:21 ALB—Jarred Winkel 4yd TD run (Beau Filkowski kick)

Second quarter
09:22 ALB—Beau Filkowski 39yd field goal
11:30 REG—Lee Moffatt 40yd TD run (Stephan Ludik kick)

11:30 KEC — Lee Mortatt 40/90 1D run Stephan Luuis Kies)
Thirid quarter
01:19 ALB — Dustin Ralph 17yd TD pass from Darryl Salmon
(Beau Filkowski kick)
12:18 REC — Michael Thomas 6yd TD pass from Mark Anderson nan Ludik kick)

Fourth quarter
04:53 ALB—Kyle Pagnucco safety
12:31 ALB—D Balderson safety

Alberta	9	3	7	4	_	23
Regina	0	7	7	0	_	14

	Alb	Reg
First downs	16	19
Yards rushing	232	66
Yards passing	122	272
Net offense	354	297
Passes made-tried	7-28	23-43
Return yards	158	156
Interceptions-yards from	3-13	0-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Sacks by	6	0
Punts-average	18-39.2	11-36.3
Penalties-yards	16-124	12-67
Time of possession	26:19	33:41
Field goals made-tried	1-1	0-2

#### Individual stats

RUSHING: Alberta—Jarred Winkel 24-192; Darryl Salmon 7-32; Dustin Ralph 1-5; David Bissett 1-3. Regina—Lee Moffatt 7-56; Mark Anderson 5-13; Luke Derkson 5-12; Stephan Ludik

7-56; Mark Anderson 5-13; Luke Derkson 5-12; Stephan Ludik I-minus 15, PASSING: Albe<sub>4</sub>R8-3-195; Telad Orban 5-5-0-77. RECEIVING: Alberta—B Coppleters 3-68; Dustin Ralph 3-84; Jason Moss 1-20. Regina—Chad Colide 6-53; Michael Thomas 4-67; Chirs Anderson 2-7; Lee Morfatt 3-24; Ryan Anderson 2-82; Luke Derkson 3-27; Lee Morfatt 3-24; Ryan Anderson 2-82; Luke Derkson 3-27; Lee Morfatt 3-24;

Attendance at Taylor Field: 2865

#### Women's Soccer

Canada West standings

Team	GP	W	L	Т	PF	PA	PTS
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lethbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity Western	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: 3 points awarded for a win

Exhibition

Pandas Tournament at Foote Field

Saskatchewan vs Alberta 6pm Manitoba vs Alberta 3pm

Regular season

Saturday Regina @ Lethbridge 12pm

Regina @ Lethbridge 12pm

## Men's Soccer

Exhibition

Last night

Alberta @ Langara College

Alberta @ UBC 5pm

Saturday Alberta @ Victoria 3pm

Trinity Western @ UBC 8:30pm

Victoria @ Trinity Western 8:15pm

Saturday, 18 September Alberta @ Lethbridge 2pm

Sunday, 19 September Alberta @ Calgary 2:15pm

## Men's Hockey

Exhibition

Flames rookies vs Oilers rookies 7:30pm Alberta vs Oilers rookies 7:30pm

Friday, 17 September UBC @ Alberta, 7:30pm

UBC @ Alberta 7:30pm

#### Correction

The Pandas soccer schedule on the Stats Page in the 2 September edition of the Gateway incorrectly stated that Pandas soccer games would be broadcast on CJSR. Infact, only Golden Bears football and hockey games will be broadcast.

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# A&E

# WOW! Buck 65 goes Euro



Buck 65

with Division and Wellesley Dinwoodie Lounge Saturday, 11 September at 8pm

ASIA "\$1.66" SZKUDLAREK

About a decade ago, a Nova Scotian boy called Bouck 65 dared to venture beyond the borders of conventional music and compile what has since been described as "poetic, story-telling hip hop." It took years of sonic experimentation and personal growth to arrive at "Illkin" Honky Blues, his most recent album, But despite the sudden success, Buck 65 doesn't plan to become a fameobsessed rechuse.

Since his last Edmonton show, the DJ Shadow soundalike has graced numerous stages across North America, but his most recent travels found him mainly in exotic European locales. In fact, plane-hopping the continent left him little time to perform in Canada, his only Canadian show in recent months being a small festival put on by rockers Sloan.

"It was a summer I'll remember for as long as I'll live," says Buck. He elaborates by revealing details from his tour, which included music festivals in Norway and France. "I think the second show that we did, if I remember correctly, was Glastonbury, which I think is the biggest festival in the world," he says.

"It was a huge thrill just to be asked to play there, because that's one of those Holy Grail-type of things for a lot of bands. It was an honour to be there."

Besides sharing the bill with legendary New York City punk band Television, Buck's European adventures got him talking with the Pixies, Blonde Redhead, and Pf Harvey—encounters he says were both enthralling and humbling at the same time.

"There were just a lot of nice little thrills along the way," recalls Buck. "My record was released in Norway a week after the festival. People were asking for interviews and giving the show really good reviews. I was also unofficially dubbed the 'King of Oya' (the town where he played)."

Listening to Buck's fond recollections force one to conclude that he's had it with sedentary music-making. "

When I was younger I saw touring as the most difficult part of the job, but I've really grown to love it," he notes. "My most prized possession is my passport. I have the most stamped passport you've ever seen."

When asked if he's noticed any differences between his European and North American audiences, Buck admits that concert-goers in the old world are more open-minded than those at

home.

"I find my reaction in North America is people just really seem to focus a lot on how different my music sounds, and that kind of goes to extremes sometimes where people react as if what I'm doing is really weird. People think I'm nuts or something," he says, going on to say that despite the contrast, he's always expressed a deep connection to his home country roots.

It's the comforting feeling of being surrounded by "family" that brings Buck back to Edmonton for this year's Week of Welcome.

He describes his favourite venues as ones with just the right ambience for him to be able to draw on theatre and focus on being an intimate entertainer.

"I thrive on being able to make first impressions while really connecting to the audience," he says. And Dinwoodie Lounge should allow Buck to do just that.

## Double WOW! Sloan's back and ready for action

Heading off of an American tour, these East Coast popsters are glad to be back in Canada; just don't ask them to play at a mall

#### Sloan

with Mark Birtles Project and Columbus Dinwoodie Lounge Thursday, 9 September at 8pm

KRISTINE OWRAM

The life of Sloan these days hasn't exactly been action-packed. For the past while, the perennially mop-topped pop rockers have been on tour, trucking across the USA. Though the band can't account for any fun of whiskey-soaked orgy proportions, it isn't as though they haven't been taking in what local kicks they can find.

"When we were in Texas, everybody really got into shooting guns," admits guitarist jay Ferguson. "I mean, there are stores that sell beer and guns together down there. And it wasn't just handguns. They had machine guns and rifles and total magnum-style guns. It was completely outrageous."

"You could go out to these shooting ranges that are basically just ditches in the middle of the desert and shoot at targets. I think that was the big highlight for everyone on the tour," he says.

big highlight for everyone on the tout, the says. Sloan ended up in the "six-gun state" to promote their "new" album, Action Pact. Though the CD's been out in Canada for over a year, it was released in the States this past May.

Like most Sloan albums, the sound on Action Pact is anything but consistent. All four members of the band write and sing their own songs, and as a result their last six albums have been incredibly eelectic.

"There's often a lot of different styles on our records," explains Ferguson. "There'll be an acoustic song, then a rocker, then a piano ballad, and then a mid-tempo pop song."

This is why Action Pact came as such a surprise to the band's fans when it was released last year. The group, which has never given a producer complete control over an album in the past, decided to corral their diverse sound by handing over the reins to American producer Tom Rothrock.

Sloan moved down to LA for the winter and relaxed while Rothrock took control of the pro-



 $\textbf{SLO-O-O-OAN!} \ \textit{Just a tad underwhelmed by Edmonton's club sandwiches and giant moose heads}.$ 

"Rothrock came and saw us play, and he decided he really wanted a live-sounding, straight-forward record that was more coherent," says Ferguson.

"We're normally used to having so much autonomy that it was kind of fun to be able to say to someone, 'Here's a bunch of songs. You pick them and tell us what kind of a record we should produce.' It was nice to let someone else make some decisions for once. Normally we're just arguing amongst ourselves."

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But while the band enjoyed letting someone else take control for once, Ferguson explains that it's not quite the same having someone else produce a Sloan album.

"It was a weird record, because I almost felt removed from it a bit. I think some of the things could have been recorded a little better, and ... I don't know," he hesitates. "You always have second thoughts once it's done, but I guess hindsight is 20/20."

Ultimately, though, the band is content with the sound of Action Pact, and is ready to take on whatever action the next stops on their tour might bring.

Unfortunately, Sloan hasn't had as much fun playing Edmonton in the past. "Our last show in Edmonton, last fall, was at this place called Red's in the mall," explains Ferguson with a hint of disgust in his voice.

He does, however, admit to a little bit of Edmonton-induced good times. "Honestly though, even though we were playing in a glorified restaurant and I was basically eating a club sandwich on stage, I remember that show really well, and we had a really good time."

"It was more than a little absurd though Especially that giant statue of the guy bowling." **28** ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT thursday, 9 september, 2004



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#### Distant

Directed by Nuri Bilae Cevlan Staming Muzaffer Özdemir and Mehmet Emin Toprak Metro Cinema 10-13 September at 7pm

KRISTINE OWRAM

Eastern European art films are always a little jarring to watch from a North American perspective. They tend to be slow moving, lacking in dialogue, and endlessly depressing—in other words, everything Hollywood isn't. The Turkish film Distant follows

this formula exactly, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing

The slow-moving plot, while painful to watch at times, gives the viewer time to focus on the beautiful cinematography, and the rare outbursts of speech are made that much more powerful by the silence of the rest of

Set in modern-day Istanbul, Distant is a gloomy story of isolation and loneliness in the middle of an economic crisis. Mahmut (Muzaffer Özdemir) is a commercial photographer unhappy with how the demands of work have taken over his art. Also suffering from

ce, he leads a solitary life until Yusuf (Mehmet Emin Toprak), a distant relative from his hometown, comes to stay with him while looking for work on a ship.

Both men grow progressively lonelier and more miserable throughout the film but stubbornly refuse to take comfort in each other. Yusuf, having no skills to offer, quickly realizes there is no work to be found in Istanbul ut will not admit this to Mahmut. Meanwhile, Mahmut discovers his ex-wife is moving to Canada with her himself to admit that he still loves

Instead of acknowledging their unhappiness and finding companionship in each other, drastic measures are taken by both men to cope with their loneliness. Mahmut attempts to replace the hole left by his divorce by seeing a series of prostitutes. Yusuf, meanwhile, gets creepier and creepier, following random girls through the streets of Istanbul without working up the courage to talk to them. As the film progresses, the men grow increasingly hostile towards each other until a breaking point is reached.

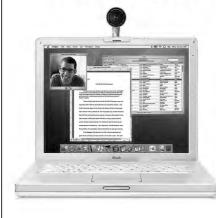
The men's inability to communicate, expressed through the pervad-

ing silence of the film, is incredibly frustrating to watch at times. Mahmut grows irritated with Yusuf's personal habits almost immediately, but rather than saying anything he tries to cope with them in some rather ridiculo ways—spraying deodorizer in Yusuf's shoes and hiding them in a cupboard when he notices they stink, or follow ing Yusuf around the house to make sure he turns off all the lights.

However, on the rare occa when the men do interact, the tension and discomfort between them is impressively realistic-exactly the way you'd expect two solitary men to

What really makes this film, though, is the cinematography. The Turkey shown in Distant is cold and bleak, and perfectly expresses the mood of the film. While the film quality itself is soft and almost blurred in parts, there are a couple of strikingly clear dream-sequences near the end. These scenes seem to come out of the blue and have very little to do with the rest of the film, but still manage to reinforce how beautiful Distant is, which, really, is the main reason it's worth seeing besides to reinforce your stereotypes of Eastern European film as depressing and slow moving, of course

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# Sitcom canned laughter finally kicks the bucket



DANIEL KASZOR

Friends and Frasier are dead; an era of television has come to an end. I know that sounds like the kind of unimaginative drivel that was spouted from over-enthusiastic PR hacks and weeping Oprah audiences last spring, but it's true; with the ending of Friends—and

sitcom has become unwatchable. Some argued that the death of sitcomscame with Seinfeld's 1998 finale, but the genre was still alive at that point, if not getting long in the proverbial tooth. Seinfeld's end marked the end of the sitcom as appointment television—of booking time every week for a half-hour of New Yorkers talking about nothing.

to a lesser extent Frasier-the network

taking about notning. While few would admit to setting aside time to view sitcoms like Friends and Frasier, they were still passable "must sees" for the casual channel filpper. If anything, this was because Friends and Frasier, though not exactly groundbreaking comedies, at least tried to wedge some character development into the sitcom formula of stock stereotypes and cannel lagits. The jokes were funny because they played off emphagetic characters.

Audiences don't empathize with bad

stereotypes, but that's all sitcoms today can offer. And without a few good shows around to keep us defending this mundane genre, the sitcom formula can be seen for what it truly is: safe, tired and unwatchable.

Today's top network comedies, such as Two and a Half Men and Yes, Dear, are examples of just what's wrong with the sitcom formula. Siscoms force simple repeatable plots based on stereotypes (in the case of Yes, Dearmen are dumb and horny and women are bitchy and manipulative) and overacting, while rejecting plot intricacy and character develop-

ment. Following the formula, each character is disposable and interchangeable.

It's no new discovery that sitcome

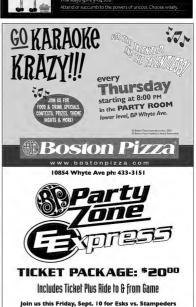
are cheap television, but the genre current low is important considering the upsurge of reality programming Reality shows cost less to make than sitcoms, economically and creatively. Like sitcoms, they present stereotypical characters, but reality shows can create emotional resonance with their audiences where sitcoms cannot. The idea of a character being a living person gives depth to the tele vision persona. Dramas and higher brow television aren't in trouble because they aren't in direct competition with reality shows: they deal in long emo tional commitment to the show that is often reciprocated with

interesting and fulfilling plots and characters—qualities the sitcom formula seems unable to offer right now.

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But network comedy isn't extinct.
The sitcom may be dead, but the
'dramedy,' shows like Scrubs and
Arrested Development, seem to be
againing popularity. While abandoning
the creatively-impotent thearte-like
sets and camera angles of the traditional sitcom, they take time to develop
plots and characters with intelligent
humour. The writers seem to have
figured out that you can't cheapen the
material to a lower standard than
reality TV, so a touch of qual-

ity is necessary: a decent trend, if a sy.
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## Mark Birtles Project

Dinwoodie Lounge Thursday, 9 September at 8pm

JAMES STORRIE

It was sometime around one in the afternoon that the Mark Birtles Project and I drove out past Belgravia towards the river. We found ourselves in the disaster area affectionately known in those parts as "The End of The World"—once known to commuters as Keilor Road. We hung out on the defunct roadway, which has long since collapsed into the river valley, for about ten or 15 minutes before a older gentleman appeared, heading our way.

"You boys are students, right? Geology or civil engineering?" asks the man, looking past us towards the washed-out and ruined sidewalk.

"Uh, no," replies Blake (keyboards and guitar). "We're just, uh, taking drugs and looking at stuff."

drugs and looking at stuff."

At this point I'd been hanging around with the band (respectively known as Mark Raymond, Bryan Birles, Pat Birles, Colby MacBeth and Blake Betteridge) for an hour or two, so Blake's straight answer doesn't not one as too much of a surprise. The Mark Birles Projects is opening for Sloan this Birles Projects in Opening for Sloan this Thursday for Week of Welcome, and Blake enthuses that the chance to open for Sloan, "is pretty much the biggest

thing to happen to me, ever."

Bryan, the Project's quitarist, do

Bryan, the Project's guitarist, doesn't quite share Blake's sentiment. "It's pretty annoying how much Blake goes on about Sloan."

"It's more annoying that he's always trying to get us to play "The Other Man." Pat. the drummer, jokes.

But really, opening for Sloan is no small thing for this local band. "Sload has may as my hero when I was growing up, and they kind of still are now," says Mark, the bands' socalist. He adds, half-jokingly, "All we really have to worry about now is the possibility of, you know, making Sloan hate us."

Opening for Sloan is just the latest addition to the Mark Birtles Project's list of accomplishments. Savvy Edmonton scenesters might remember the Project's win at last year's CJSR Battle of the Bands. Since then, the band has been playing in venues all across town, not to mention getting kicked out of a few here and there.

"We got a little out of hand drinking in the alley behind Krobar one night," said Mark with a bit of a grin. "They weren't too happy about that,

I guess."

The difficulties of honing a hardpartying backstage image aside, the band digs the idea of being a mainstay of the local music scene. They drop the names of local groups such as Whitey Houston, Wolfnote, and the Floor, agreeing that with bands like those playing regularly around the city, it's a great time to be involved in music in Edmonto

Edmonton, they say, has a very vibrant music scene, although it has its quirks. "There are three separate scenes in Edmonton," explains Mark. "There's the scene of all the bands who play Red's and the Urban Lounge, trying to be Nickelback or Creed."

"Nickelcreed," Brian interjects.
"Yeah," says Pat, "System of a
Nickelcreed Deadman."

"Yeah," Mark grins. "There's those guys. Then there's the scene of all the indie and punk bands, all hanging out on Indecline [a local message board at www.indecline.net] and rooting for each other. Most of them are pretty good. And then there's the scene of all the wedding bands and the ones who steal all our shows."

As the guys keep talking about music, the scene, and the amount of aphids that are now covering Blake's jacket, a stranger points us towards another trail, this one closer to the riverbank. It's time to move on from the edge of Belgravia, to get back to more familiar terrain.

The band has a little difficulty scrambling out of the river valley in the way a few hours of "taking drugs and looking at stuff" will do. But the hiking challenge at hand does not daunt this band.

"We love danger," states Brian. "And excitement," adds Blake.

"Danger is excitement, really," continues Brian. Even on the edge of an average neighbourhood like Belgravia.

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## Corb Lund Band earns their Five Dollar Bill

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LEAH COLLINS

Nobody can claim local alt-country favorite, the Corb Lund Band, is unfamiliar with a little hard work. With a roster of songs about hard-workin' prairie folks-cowboys to oil-rig roughnecks-it wouldn't be quite right if Corb Lund wasn't a hard working fellow himself.

upcoming kick-off to Canadian Country Music Week (which accompanies Monday's Canadian Country Music Awards) Lund's work ethic won't have time to hit the hay.

Thursday night, Lund will be opening for Los Lobos at the Winspear Centre. He'll be following that with two shows on 11 Sep Ookfest and the Citadel's CCMA showcase. Monday, he'll wrap up by playing at the CCMA show. The program, broadcast on CBC, will feature two performances by Lund and his band rendition of their hit "Shine Up My Boots" and a medley with the Good Brothers. "It's a little nutty, but that's par for the course, really," says Lund of his schedule.

Lund is nominated for three CCMAs this year: Group or Duo of the Year, Roots Artist of the Year, and Independent Group of the Year. Since the release of his album Five Dollar Bill in 2002, Lund has been nominated for a slew of national awards, from CCMAs to Junos. Though Lund doesn't focus on the awards, he's happy for the nominations. They create the kind of attention that gets his music out to all sorts of audiences-audiences he never used to be able to reach as bassist of former Edmonton indie rock mainstay the Smalls.

"My whole career has been based for the last ten years on playing music in underground sort of venues and playing to people who were hip to college radio and independent underground stuff. Which is great-nothing like core audience, and I'm glad those people are there because there wouldn't be nearly as much good music in the world without them." Lund notes, the strum of a guitar playing in the background.

"But the good thing is that with added exposure and mainstream media and stuff it gets it to more people who didn't even have a way



of knowing we existed before. The people who are picking up on it now, through CMT and the radio stations. are actually the kinds of people I grew up with fin rural Albertal, so it's extra gratifying that they're finally able to hear it," he says

It's from Lund's rural roots that he draws most of his inspiration. "I'm really strongly rooted in Alberta. My family's been here for a long, long time, so I feel pretty proud of our part of the world. A lot of that sort of imagery is sort of natural to me.'

Lund's been working on a new collection of songs lately: eight tracks have already been recorded in Nashville. Tentatively titled Hurtin' Albertan, he hopes it'll be released come May.

Though the themes of his songs draw specifically from the Canadian West, Lund's finding audiences identify with his material around the world—as far away as Australia, where he was tour-

ing this January.
"I don't think you have to be from here to get it. I mean like when Waylon Jennings sings a song about Texas, even though I'm not from Texas, I get it because he's expressing himself honestly," Lund explains. "If someone sings a folk song about the Irish countryside I get it, even though I've never been to Ireland. If we do our job right we let other people from other places get a flavour of what it's like here

Not only is Lund finally reaching a wide audience, but his fans are extremely varied.

"Well, I think the style of music I'm doing now has a wider potential for sure," he muses. "With this stuff it seems to be reaching through generations and through social strata, and there's cowboys at the shows and punk rockers, and people bring their parents and their kids are singing to the record, so it seems to be really wide-ranging, which is good."

Lund's audiences are diverse, but as this weekend proves, so are his shows, a fact that Lund ultimately finds rewarding.
"I don't think there are too many

other bands that are involved in th CCMAs who can also play the rock show at Ookfest and then play with Los Lobos at the theatre and then go and play the country show too," he laughs. "It's kind of cool. I'm proud of the diversity of the audiences that we

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Written and directed by comedian Dave Thomas, Intern Academy captures the follies of six interns who have varying degrees of interest in their educa-tion in St Albert's Hospital (Edmonton's own Charles Camsell Hospital). where the dregs of med school are sent when every other hospital turns them

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Not that you need to leave campus to hear great music and partake in start-of-school alcoholism but if you're itchin' to wander beyond U of A borders, Ookfest is a viable Saturday night option.
This year, the NAIT Student Association man-

aged to lure acts like Swollen Members, Finger Eleven, and Kyprios to play their seventh annual welcome week bash. Taking place rain or shine, last year's concerts garnered a whopping (or "whooping," if you will) 144 noise complaints and they need you to help break the record.

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An integral part of every WOW, this year's lineup includes Dawn of the Dead and War of the Worlds. Seeing how WOW 2004 aims to "disembowel students in terror," it's appropriate that both films feature such terrors as zombies, aliens, and blonde actresses in But beware! If Friday night's weather turns

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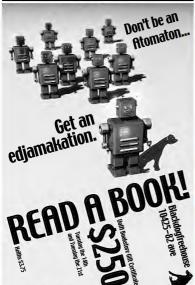
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Dave Thomas on Edmonton, SCTV, and new film Intern Academy

## Dave Thomas

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Whether it's an old man ravaged by the flesh eating disease or an ambu lance full of car crash victims, hospitals never cease to provide situations that are, often literally, gut-bustingly hilarious

At least Dave Thomas seems to think so. The SCTV alumnus is the writer and director of Intern Academy, an independent feature that centres around the lives of a group of medical students working at the worst teaching hospital in Canada. The film takes a comedic look at the sorry state of healthcare in North America, and was shot in the abandoned Charles Camsell Hospital in northwest Edmonton. an experience that Thomas says the cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed, despite the weather.

"We started production in February of 2003, and there were a few days that were 40 below." explains Thomas. who has clearly acclimatized to his current home base of Los Angeles. "I remember asking 'Is that Fahrenheit or Centigrade?' and they said 'It doesn't matter, eh?' and I said 'Huh?' and they said 'No, they meet, eh, at

"I said, 'get the hell out of here! What is that, the motto of the city? Come to Edmonton, where Celcius and Farenheit meet," he laughs. "It's pretty cold.

Edmonton's sub-arctic temperatures were once de rigeur for Thomas. The popular '70s and '80s sketch comedy show, SCTV, was filmed in the city for several years.

Thomas readily admits that, of all of his work, people in Canada and the States still seem attached to SCTV's Bob and Doug MacKenzie, the beerswilling, toque-wearing, stereotypi cal hoser brothers he created with Rick Moranis, although he continues to be baffled by the popularity of the characters

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#### DAVE THOMAS

"Both Rick and I are shocked at ow much life is in those characters, Thomas divulges, although he has a few possible explanations: "They're sort of like Muppets, you know, with their toques and parkas. They're very non-threatening characters."

The popularity of the duo is even more dumbfounding considering their inauspicious origins. "The Canadian version of SCTV was two minutes longer than the American version, so the CBC asked us for some 'specific

Canadian content." "Rick and I just came up with the skit as a mean-spirited joke against the CBC. We didn't think it would become

And Intern Academy brings its own surprises for Thomas as well; the movie's theme of a healthcare system in shambles appears particularly fit-ting and politically conscious given an Albertan setting—a decommissioned Edmonton hospital, to be precise. Thomas, though, is quick to point out that he didn't intend for the film to have a political message.

"Sometimes movies turn out looking like they are very timely, but I was speaking in a more general way," he admits. "And I didn't honestly know that Alberta's healthcare system was in crisis until I got there."

"I didn't want to get into the public healthcare debate; I wanted to talk on a very general level about the general collapse of the medical system. because I wanted this movie to play in more than one country," he continues. "The healthcare system is collapsing all over the world."

Sorry news, yes, but hopefully also the kind of material that makes for sharp comedy.



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